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Allen Limberg of Wausau, Wisconsin and Jim Harwood of Grayling – winners of the 2006 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon – reach the finish line at Oscoda on Sunday, July 30. It was Harwood's second AuSable Marathon victory and Limberg's first. Harwood and Limberg finished 15 minutes ahead of the second place team of Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead, both of Grayling. Matt Rimer of Grayling and Andrew Triebold of Spring Arbor took third. For more on this year's AuSable Marathon, see Page 1B.

County prevails in court funding dispute

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County prevailed in the six-year battle with the 46th Circuit Trial Court over the funding of costly pension and retirement health care benefits.

The Michigan Supreme Court, in an opinion issued on Friday, July 28, ruled that the funding of enhanced pension benefits and retirement health care benefits were not reasonable and necessary to the serviceability of the court and the counties were not contractually obligated to appropriate funds for the benefit plans.

The 46th Trial Court covers Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The 46th Trial Court sued Crawford and Kalkaska Counties, in December, 2000, for refusing to allocate funds for the benefit plans.

Crawford and Kalkaska Counties disputed the benefits because officials said it would place unfunded liability on the counties. Crawford and Kalkaska County officials filed a court-claim against the court, alleging fraud for misrepresenting the costs of the benefits. A claim was also filed against Otsego County, accusing officials there of colluding with the court by withholding information on the costs of the benefits.

Former 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis issued a court order, forcing the counties to fund the benefits plans.

Davis was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Court of Appeals in July, 2005.

Following a six day-trial in the summer of 2003, Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Kolenda ruled that the benefits were necessary and a reasonable cost to fund the unified court.

In an opinion issued in May, 2005, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Kolenda's ruling last year.

Kolenda ruled that resolutions passed by the county boards formed a valid contract with the trial court despite attempts to reverse the action by Crawford and Kalkaska County Commissioners.

The Michigan Supreme Court justices, in a 4-3 ruling, reversed Kolenda's decision, remanding the case back to circuit court.

Stephen Markman, Clifford, Taylor and Robert Young, Jr. agreed with the lead opinion for the case, which said the court's authority to demand appropriations from the counties is limited to meeting critical judicial needs.

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Voters to decide millage for historical preservation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County voters will be asked to help fund historical preservation efforts for various historical organizations at the polls next Tuesday.

A two-tenths of a mill proposal will be on the county ballot for the Aug. 8 primary election. The county is seeking to levy the tax to generate funds for historical preservation.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to put the tax proposal on the ballot in May.

If approved, the millage, which would be levied for four years, would raise \$108,000 in its first year.

The Crawford County Historical Society, Lovells Township Historical Society, Wellington USA, the Grayling Fish Hatchery and Michigan Museum of Military Transport would be eligible to apply for the funds.

"It can be used for any project related to historical preservation," said Kay Cosgray, chairwoman for the Crawford County Historical Society.

Officials from the Michigan Museum of Military Transport initially approached the county regarding placing the millage on the ballot. The museum is seeking to purchase the former Grayling City/Township Fire Department Building.

"If we don't get the support from the voters, there will be no historical preservation because the museums will close and new museums will not open," said Dan Klatt, a member of the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Board of Directors. "The donations just aren't coming through the door and we need the help of the community to do something."

The Crawford County Historical Society is seeking funds to renovate its museum building downtown, give the caboose a facelift and preserve the museums artifacts.

"The millage is vital to us due to the deterioration of the museum and we have stacks of records and photos that need to be digitally recorded so they can be preserved," Cosgray said.

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HUP Race



The Beaman Valley River Sharks won the Most Creative Canoe prize at this year's HUP Race. Emcee Chad Patterson (right) introduced the team. For more on the 2006 HUP Race, see Page 9A.

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Voters to decide millage for historical preservation

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The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is seeking funds to continue with efforts to restore the fish hatchery building.

If approved, the millage would

mean a person with a home worth \$100,000, that has a taxable value of \$50,000, would pay an added \$20 in taxes per year.

Historical organizations would have to file applications to receive funding from the millage

through their township or the Grayling City Council. The county board will oversee the distribution of the grant funds on a case-by-case basis, similar to the grant program established to address environmental issues in

the county.

"If the millage is approved by the people, we are more than willing to help facilitate that kind of growth for the museums in the county," said Paul Compo, the Crawford County administrator.



Dan Klatt, a board member for the Michigan Museum of Military Transport, stands next to his M715, which was used by the Army and Navy to transport troops and supplies during the Vietnam War. The vehicle is armed with a 50-caliber machine gun.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

City manager search underway

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The seat for the Grayling City manager will remain empty for the next two and half months.

The Grayling City Council, at a special meeting last week, agreed to hire consultants from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to help recruit a new city manager.

Former Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe resigned from his position at the city council's meeting on June 26, citing a request from some city council members that he step down. Lowe held the position for six and half years.

Grayling Mayor Larry Akers said council members developed a profile of the community and qualifications they would like to see in a city manager at the meeting.

"We tried to come up with a list of selling points that we can use to bring a new city manager in along with issues that we are facing," Akers said.

The city will pay MML consultants Frank Gerstenecker and Paul Preston to advertise, recruit and do background checks on city manager candidates. Preston recently retired from the city manager's post for Mt. Pleasant. Gerstenecker was the

city manager for Troy for 25 years and is the former president of the Michigan City Management Association.

The consultants, along with the city council, will whittle the list of hopefuls down to four to five people. Interviews have been tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier will continue serving as the interim city manager.

"The department heads and staff are all pitching in, we're still providing the services to residents in the city and all of our summer projects are being done," Akers said.

School board elects new officers

by Dan Sanderson
Sanderson

The new Crawford AuSable School Board got down to business at its last meeting, despite having to deal with a fire alarm which went off at the Grayling Elementary School.

Bill Dean, who has been on the board three years, was elected to serve as president of the Crawford AuSable School Board.

Lewis Madill was elected to serve as the board's vice president.

Jane Lange will serve as the school board secretary, and Carol Ramaswamy, who was reelected to the board in May, will continue serving as the school board treasurer.

Judith Gorski, a retired Grayling High School principal who was also elected to serve on the board in May, was sworn in to serve as a trustee.

James Hulbert and Dr. Douglas Slater are the other trustees serving on the board.

A fire alarm went off at the Grayling Elementary School on

Monday, May 17, when a motor for the school's air condition system overheated. The problem was caused by an electrical outage from the rain and wind storm that pounded the community.

Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said he looks forward to tackling the district's issues with the new board.

"I think we have an extremely talented and efficient board whose commitment is to the students as it should be," Powers said. "I have a tremendous amount of faith in the quality of these individual board members and the board as a whole."

Road board approves millage language

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission Board took another step toward asking voters to approve a millage for road construction last Thursday by ratifying ballot language for the proposal.

The Road Commission, facing cuts in revenue from both its state and federal sources, is trying to make up some of the budget shortfall with a millage that would generate about \$543,000 per year for five years.

The ballot language approved by the Road Commission Board

at its July 27 regular meeting reads: "Shall the County of Crawford levy a millage of 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, from 2006 through 2011, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the maintenance and repair of roads within Crawford County?"

The Road Commission Board hopes to have its proposal on the 2006 general election ballot in November. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners must approve the ballot language before it can be submitted to the voters.

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Violence erupts at anti-abortion rally

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A non-violent protest went awry last Friday when tempers began to heat up.

The protesters were a Christian anti-abortion group who made a stop in Grayling while touring parts of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio.

The protest was called the "American Atrocities Tour" and featured picketers holding large signs with detailed images of bloodied, aborted fetuses. Protesters lined up down the I-75 Business Loop and M-72.

Despite the fact that there are no major abortion clinics in town the demonstrators held a rally to raise public awareness of the physical realities of abortion.

"In an effort to expose the horror of abortion, at each stop, the Missionaries will line the streets of busy intersections with large five foot photographs of murdered preborn babies," said the rallyists in a press release.

Captions on many of the signs read "Why should God bless America?"

According to the rallyists, community response to the protest was mostly negative. Several passersby shouted negative comments at the protesters and attempted to drown out their shouts by slamming on their car horns.

At about 4:30 p.m., an angry Grayling resident, Clyde Holzbauer, confronted protesters who were picketing near the crosswalk in front of the Clark gas station.

Holzbauer demanded that the demonstration be immediately shut down, saying "I want this pornography out of my town."

A loud confrontation between Holzbauer and several of the demonstrators ensued. When an anti-abortion rallyist began videotaping Holzbauer, he said that he did not want to be taped. The rallyist ignored

Holzbauer. When he tried to pull the camera out of the rallyist's hands, demonstrators tried to restrain Holzbauer.

A scuffle erupted, which resulted in Holzbauer being pinned to the pavement by three of the rallyists.

Holzbauer claims that rallyists threw punches at him in the chaos. He also says that rallyists spat on him while he was pinned to the ground. Demonstrators similarly claim that Holzbauer is guilty of violence towards them and their property.

It is confirmed that, during the confrontation, one demonstrator produced a blunt object and threatened serious bodily harm to Holzbauer unless he calmed down.

Police arrived on the scene moments afterwards to find Holzbauer restrained on the pavement by demonstrators.

Officer Dennis Long separated both parties. He then proceeded to collect information, including identification for all who were involved. No arrests were made.

"The idea is to get them separated from each other so the situation doesn't escalate," said Long.

Long said that the conflict most likely qualifies as a misdemeanor assault, but it will be up to the local prosecutor's office to make the determination.

Due to the overflow of reports received by the prosecutor's office during the festival weekend, the prosecutor was unable to comment on this particular incident as of press time.

Regarding the incident, one demonstrator stated, "we never know when something like that will happen, but we do see it from time to time."

Regarding his stance, Holzbauer said, "I thought those signs were pornographic...I didn't think it was right."

Officer Long said the protesters' signs did not qualify as lewd



Photo by Matt Seager

Clyde Holzbauer (left) argues with anti-abortion rallyists. He demanded that he not be filmed.



Photo by Matt Seager

After a short scuffle, protesters pinned Holzbauer to the ground. Police arrived on the scene moments later. Since they did not witness the fight itself, they were not qualified to make any arrests.

imagery.

Holzbauer also defended his stance against being filmed.

"I thought it was an invasion of my privacy," said Holzbauer.

Following the incident,

Holzbauer drove himself to the hospital to treat trauma to his back and limbs that he received from being pinned against the pavement.

Frederic Library connects people with their roots

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Knowing where you come from can be the key to knowing where you are going. This being the case, patrons of the Frederic Community Library have plenty of knowledge to light their path.

For over six years, the library has been hosting regular workshops where patrons have a chance to dig into their histories.

"We just discuss how to go about doing your genealogy," said librarian Sandra Steele.

Prior to being stationed at the Frederic Library, Steele had hosted meetings at the Grayling branch.

"When I became a librarian here, I just kept it going," said Steele.

Since its inception, Frederic's genealogy program has grown in both scope and popularity, inspiring local community members to seek the hidden secrets of their ancestral past.

"I think it's very popular now. A lot of people are wondering where did they come from, how did they get where they are in Michigan," said Steele. "They find it fascinating."

Area woman Jeanie Harwood started attending the regular genealogy meetings this winter because she was "just wanting to know where everybody comes from."

In the short time that she has been involved, she has made some big discoveries.

"I've actually traced some people back to Ireland and Denmark," said Harwood.

Among her discoveries was the fact that her great-great grandfather had homesteaded in Maple Forest.

"That's just one of the many things I've come across that I thought was interesting," said Harwood.

"Another lady had her Irish ancestor get off the ship as soon as he got off...he was enlisted in the Civil War," said Steele.

Carol Britton, another regular attendee of the meetings, says it was her grandfather who inspired her to look into her own family history.

"When I was a kid I loved my grandparents and I loved my grandpa's stories," said Britton.

She said her grandfather had told her that "as long as someone remembers us we'll always be alive."

Britton took her grandfather's words to heart.

"It's kind of touching with immortality."

Among Britton's discoveries is the fact that she has a great grandparent who was listed as cargo on a ship.

This and other discoveries were helped greatly by the program that the library hosts. Regular attendees consider the workshops to be essential.

"Doing it on my own, I wouldn't have gotten too far," said Harwood.

In order to help community members on their quest, the group took a complete inventory of all the cemeteries in the Crawford County area.

This information is available at the Frederic Community Library, as well as genealogy magazines, microfilm readers, and other resources. Internet access to www.ancestry.com is also a key resource.

"I think it's wonderful. They've been so helpful," said Harwood.

For those who may find the task of tracing their own family history to be a bit daunting, the library staff is there to help.

"The very first thing to start with is what you know and work back," said Steele. "Interview

family members. That's always a good source...and use the library. We have ancestry that's available only at the library for free."

Taking the time to do the research can pay off in very practical ways.

"A lot of times you'll find out about diseases that have run in the family and that can be helpful," said Steele.

"It also puts you in contact with cousins you never knew you had," said Britton.

Despite these bonuses, the knowledge is its own reward for most genealogists.

"I guess you could say all the genealogists are old history buffs," said Britton.

Understanding history can also help people appreciate what they have.

"It keeps the interest in the history of your community alive," said Britton. "Frederic has a rich and colorful past."

The success of the program has certainly been an inspiration to the community at large.

"I've talked to many people that are saying they're going to go to (the) Frederic Library and check it out," said Harwood.

Anyone who is interested in checking it out can attend the next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m.

"We'd love to have people come in," said Britton.

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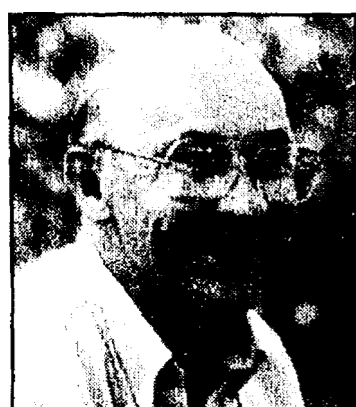
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Thank You All!

OPINIONS

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ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Granholtm nudges ahead of DeVos in late poll

A NEW POLL on the Michigan governor's race finds Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholtm has pulled ahead of Republican challenger Dick DeVos. I believe it.

The Detroit News/WXYZ-TV poll of 600 likely voters taken in late July shows a 47-44 percent lead for Ms. Granholtm, with only 9 percent undecided.

Based on a largely self-financed \$10 million saturation TV advertising campaign, beginning in February and aimed at building name identity, Mr. DeVos in recent months gradually built a modest lead over Ms. Granholtm. The TV ads obviously were effective.

The Granholtm campaign has not spent a penny on TV spots so far, but the Democratic state party financed a more recent \$2 million anti-DeVos and pro-Granholtm TV mini-blitz of its own, which apparently has been effective, too.

"People are starting to hear the other side," explained Ed Sarpolus of Lansing's EPIC/MRA consultants, who conducted the poll. "Is she (Ms. Granholtm) out of trouble? No. She's still

under 50 percent support. But the trends show she has to tell her story."

EACH CANDIDATE appeals to his/her own party, according to the poll Democrats favor Gov. Granholtm 84-11, and Republicans back Mr. DeVos 83-10.

The so-called independent vote, however, likely will decide the election, and here Ms. Granholtm is ahead, but only slightly 40-37.

That means to me that the election is up for grabs.

However, the trend is for the incumbent governor, who - according to her backers - has not yet begun to fight. She is still being a governor, and not a campaigning candidate, they claim. Her campaign has hoarded its resources so far, leaving to the Democratic state party the heavy work of tearing down the opponent while modestly boosting her. The strategy seems to be working.

On the DeVos side, the \$10 million in identity advertising definitely has accomplished its aim. Dick DeVos now is well known around the state as the

Republican candidate for governor. In identity, the two candidates are about even.

Ms. Granholtm will continue to benefit from free publicity, or "earned media," in the jargon of professional campaigners. Everything the governor does or says is news, and is transmitted free to the public.

The challenger, on the other hand, while being featured in news stories regularly, must depend largely on buying attention, through advertising, direct mail and other ways to try to convince voters of his worth.

It's an uneven struggle for the challenger, although Mr. DeVos may be an exception because of his personal fortune and his apparent willingness to spend it freely in his run for governor.

Gov. Granholtm's prominent and positive role in the announcement that Google, Inc. will locate 1,000 new jobs in Ann Arbor is a case in point. That was favorable publicity even Mr. DeVos's millions could not buy.

We can expect more of the same, if at all possible, in the next four months.

NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING also is to be expected from both sides.

Democrats already have been campaigning more against Mr. DeVos than for Ms. Granholtm. They continually bash Mr. DeVos and the family-owned business, founded as Amway but now named Alticor. Mr. DeVos claims he "turned the business around," while Democrats claim he took business from Michigan to China, costing hundreds of jobs in the process.

The poll cited above, incidentally, asked what the public thought about Amway, and found a 2-1 unfavorable public view of the company, which is an indication we can expect concerted negative campaigning linking the company to the candidate.

The main Republican charge against Ms. Granholtm at this point, seems to be that she doesn't get results or find solutions. She will be blamed for Michigan's rank along with Louisiana as the only

states missing out on a national economic boom. Louisiana can fault hurricane Katrina, but the Republican version will blame Jennifer Granholtm.

WHO WILL WIN? - In Michigan, Republicans and Democrats are about evenly divided in numbers. About one third of voters consistently backs one party, another third backs the other.

That leaves the independent voters ... the non committed ... the ticket splitters ... as the deciding factor in any election. They will decide this election, too, and the small print in this latest poll indicates as much.

The election is yet to be won or lost. Whichever candidate can appeal outside his/her own party faithful will occupy the governor's office next January.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Give the money to the marathon committee

To the editor,

On Thursday, July 27, I went to Penrod's to watch the sprints for the 2006 Canoe Marathon. I parked on Maple Street as many other people had.

While watching the sprints someone came up to me and said that the police were writing tickets for parking on Maple Street. I immediately went to move my car not understanding why they would be writing tickets. The police officer was one car past mine and had already written the ticket. When I asked why, he told me I was parked in a bike route. I told him I didn't see any signs and he stated "Well that's because everyone is parked on them." As I protested he said he was just doing his job. I agree that he was doing his job and I have no problem with that. In fact, the \$5 ticket will not make me or break me. It just seems funny

that being a local I did not know that this was a bike route.

Not owning a bicycle I guess why would I know.

I applaud the folks who worked so hard to establish the bike routes. But I have a suggestion for the Grayling Police Department. Use the same NO PARKING signs that are put up during the Milltown Parade on Maple Street during the sprints. Those signs could be seen even if cars were parked on the road. It would seem the cost of doing that would be much less than paying an officer to write tickets for five hours or so.

I have paid my ticket in protest. I suggest that our Police Chief donate all the ticket fines from tickets written on Maple Street during the sprint trials to the Marathon Committee.

Marty A. Van De Ven
Grayling

Telemarketers are busy!

To the editor,

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For heaven's sake people, just fix it

To the editor,

How many complaints and accidents does it take before someone in this city has something done to the intersection of Lake and Erie Streets? For many years now I have witnessed several accidents at this intersection. This is due to the fact that people do not stop at the stop signs on Lake St. Sometimes speed is a factor and sometimes just plain ignorance is the problem. Vehicles traveling on Lake Street seem to think it is a highway. I have a very good friend whom recently had the misfortune of getting smashed into at that intersection. Being fairly new to the area she got very shook up and her brand new vehicle had to be

towed from the scene.

This problem is getting to be quite ridiculous as well as aggravating. So, do we need to get a signed petition from the neighborhood or carry signs of protest around the intersection itself? Should we video tape those who choose not to stop at the stop signs to prove this problem needs to be addressed A.S.A.P.? Should we just wait for someone to get badly hurt, like maybe even a child walking or biking across that intersection? Is it only then that it will sink in that something needs to be done? For heaven's sake people, just fix it. Hell-o?

Mary Neal
Grayling

You not only took my property, but my memories too

To the editor:

I feel very sorry for you. What a bad life you must have to intentionally want to make another person feel so bad. And that is exactly what you did when you stole my purse and CD case from my car.

You not only took my property, but you took my memories too. In my purse was small photo album. It has pictures of my children, grandchildren, and some very old and dear friends. Most of these pictures cannot be replaced.

In my CD case were three CD's, among the 30 in the case. These three CD's were of my

father's band and my father singing alone. My father passed away three years ago July 16. I cannot replace these CD's. They were a comfort to me when I was really missing him. You stole that from me. You stole my memories.

So, I hope as you go through your life you find some kind of happiness, somehow in what you do. And that you never have the misfortune to have anyone make you feel the way you have made me feel by taking my memories. I wouldn't wish that on anyone, not even you.

Jo Ellen Smith
Grayling

Democracy doesn't work if you don't vote

To the editor,

The ballot box is where citizens can express their concern for the future of their community, whether on a local, state or national level. And, it seems as if there is always some kind of local millage for voters to decide, whether it is for school operations, street improvements or some other issue. Our democracy demands we take part in the process if the process is to work.

One of the issues facing voters in the Aug. 8 primary election is the Historical Preservation millage proposal. While this proposal may not have the pizzazz of some, it can have long term positive effects for Crawford County.

Museums and historic preservation are important to communities. There is the obvious benefits of local people knowing where their community came from and how it developed. There is also an important financial reason for supporting museums/tourism. Crawford County and its communities depend on tourism for economic viability, and attractive, informative museums can be expected to add more than \$4,000,000 to the Grayling economy.

That number is not just pulled out of a hat. A 2004 study by Dr. Daniel J. Stynes, et al, of the Michigan State University Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources, entitled *Economic Impacts of Michigan Museums*, details the importance of museums in small northern Michigan communities. The researchers found that visitors to museums have a positive economic

impact within 30 miles of the museum. Applying their findings, the successful operation of the proposed Grayling Fish Hatchery Museum, by itself, would add \$4,000,000 to the Crawford County economy, as the money visitors spend on food, lodging and whatever else circulates throughout the community. This would mean more jobs and more economic vitality. Add the attraction of the proposed Military Transport Museum and the existing historical draws of Wellington Farm Park, the County Historical Museum (remember the excitement generated by the steam train last fall?) and the Lovells Historical Museum and there will be significant monetary benefits for the county.

Many residents remember how popular the Fred Bear Museum was 30 years ago. How many people did that institution bring to town? Why not offer the opportunity for people to visit several such museums, allowing them to learn about your community, and to spend some money here.

No one likes to pay more taxes, but if the millage passes, it is expected to cost the average homeowner only \$20 a year. Considering the potential benefits to the community, that is a much better investment than lottery tickets, a visit to a casino or five packs of cigarettes.

Remember, democracy doesn't work if you don't vote.

On behalf of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, Bruce Patrick, chair, Grayling

I was glad to have a small part in getting things rolling

To the editor:

My curiosity got the better and I just had to see what it takes to pull this off year in and year out in the city of Grayling.

I saw more kids having fun but the best part of the whole day was seeing moms and dads enjoying the festivities too. I got to the park at 7:30 a.m. and found Barbara Bowers and Juddy Hood there with their orange Kids Day t-

shirts on and already setting things up (no telling what time they arrived, maybe they even slept there for all I know). They quickly signed me up and we went to work getting games set up and in their proper order underneath the tents.

From then on until 10 a.m. volunteers began trickling in and seemed to know exactly what to do without any supervision from

anyone. It occurred to me that somewhere along the way lots of planning had been taking place. There must have been 50 or so volunteers and probably 200-300 kids or more.

Every kid got a prize for participation and many got special recognition for a first, second, or third place in the several contests that were going on. Then came a hotdog lunch and more fun after

that. Every sponsor of this event should be very proud for the Kids Day was a great success and all of the volunteers are to be congratulated on a job well done. I am sure that all who participated felt real good about their participation. I was glad to have just a small part in getting things rolling.

Earl Taylor
Grayling

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BRIEFS

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, Aug. 4, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and Friday, Aug. 18, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to interview claimants about VA benefits. Call 989-348-8709 or 989-731-7575 for an appointment.

Red Hat ice cream social to be held

Grayling Uptown District Association will host a Red Hat Ladies Ice Cream Social on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., uptown Grayling, with entertainment, games, farmers markets, museum tours, massages and a lot of ice cream served by good looking gentlemen. Photo opportunities will be available. All who register will receive a bag of goodies. Register early for a special pin for the event by calling 989-344-0047. Registration begins Aug 5, at 12:30 p.m., at the Historical Museum on Michigan Ave.

Moose Lodge to host car show

The Grayling Moose Lodge, 7970 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, will host a car show on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Church to host free movie night

The Resurrection Life Fellowship Church, 200 Huron St., will offer a "free movie night" once a month. The movies will begin Aug 12, at 7 p.m. and will be held the second Saturday of the month thereafter. The first movie will be "End of the Spear." The community is invited. Any questions call 348-9386 or Pastor Bud at 390-1203.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting on Aug. 9, at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling.

Pre-season meeting set for GHS girls tennis

Any Grayling High School students interested in playing varsity girls tennis this fall are encouraged to attend a pre-season meeting on Friday, Aug. 11, at noon at the GHS tennis courts. Official practices begin on Monday, Aug. 14, and players must have their physicals completed in order to practice. The team's first match of the season is scheduled for Aug. 28. For more information on GHS girls tennis, contact Coach Amy Gauthier at 348-4557.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet Thursday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served. Call Cindy Cain at 344-1420 for information.

Project Graduation to hold meeting

The first Project Graduation meeting for the class of 2007 will meet on Aug. 17, 7 p.m., at Michelle Barbers. All high school parents are needed to plan the party. Contact Marty Stevenson at 348-4388 for information.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Lovells Township meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Church to host guest speaker

The Grayling Church of Christ, 7540 South Old US-27, Grayling, will feature guest speaker Evangelist Jerry Tallman, former minister of the Rochester Church of Christ, Aug. 6 - 9. For information call the church at (989) 275-8613 or Bill Lucksted at (989) 275-5032.

VFW to hold meeting

The VFW meeting will be held on Aug. 8, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. Public welcome. For more information call 348-7037.

Church to host revivalist speaker

Revivalist Paul George from Saskatchewan, Canada, will be speaking at the Abundant Life Tabernacle, Grayling, on Aug. 4 - 6, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information call 989-344-1133.

Help Center in need of bags

The Christian Help Center is in need of plastic and brown paper bags. Bring them to the center or to any church.

Camp Grayling Officer Club raffle tickets are now available

The Camp Grayling Historical Society announces that the 2006 Officers Club raffle tickets are now available. The purpose of the raffle is to support the preservation and maintenance of this unique facility. Mr. Rasmus Hanson had the Officers Club built in 1917 to serve as a focal point for activities on Camp Grayling. As with the Hanson Grant land, upon completion, he gave the facility to the State of Michigan for military functions.

The grand prize is \$10,000 with first runner up receiving \$500 and second runner up receiving \$300. An additional

\$2,200 in other cash prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$100 each payable to the Camp Grayling Historical Society. Grand prize is the last ticket drawn and you need not be present to win. The drawing will be held at the Officers Club on Friday, Aug. 11, starting at 7 p.m. A buffet and refreshments are provided to the ticket holder, a fee is charged for additional guests.

Tickets are limited and available by calling the Camp Grayling switchboard at 989-344-6100 and asking for a raffle ticket representative.

AuSable Acrobatics



Rachael Merz of Grand Haven recently wowed onlookers in the Grayling City Park by performing gymnastic flips and dives off the bridge over the AuSable River. Merz was in town with family for the Fourth of July holiday.

Celebrate the 100th birthday of Paul Bunyan at Hartwick Pines

Come out to Hartwick Pines State Park on Thursday, Aug. 10, for a fun-filled day of activities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the first Paul Bunyan story to appear in print.

It was Aug. 10, 1906 that journalist, former lumberman and Michigan native James H. MacGillivray published the first story that had Paul Bunyan as a character. It was his hometown newspaper, the Oscoda-AuSable Press that printed his "Round River" story that tells the story of a log drive that keeps going around in circles.

Activities to celebrate one hundred years of Paul Bunyan will include children's activities, story telling, including the reciting of "Round River", hands-on log sawing with the old-fashioned crosscut saw, and many other activities.

At 3 p.m., there will be a birthday cake for Paul Bunyan at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center to celebrate his 100th Birthday. Activities will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a special campfire program at 8 p.m., at the Logging Museum. Activities on this day will be taking place at both the Visitor Center and the Logging Museum.

Is Paul Bunyan really only 100

Hartwick Pines presents Forest Fest 2006

Hartwick Pines State Park will host the 9th Annual Forest Fest on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids will receive a Natural Resource Passport on which they can travel to the various forest and natural resource-related stations. Included in this Fest are games, exhibits and displays as well as handouts on preventing to suppressing wildfires, forest management, wildlife, with live birds of prey, camping and weather.

For more information call the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at (989) 348-2537.

Activities are free, but a daily parking permit is required to enter the park.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 30, of \$25 each: Pat Benardo, Paula Harwood, Sharon Johnson, Steve Brinks and Art Thayer.

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Scheduled For August 2006

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Tuesday, August 1, 2006
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Trip # 2

Tuesday, August 8, 2006
Victories Casino - Petoskey
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Approximate arrival in Grayling 4:00 p.m.

Trip # 3

Thursday, August 17, 2006
"Out to Lunch Gang"
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Departing the Center at 10:00 a.m.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

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County prevails in court funding dispute

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The justices said that the court had to pursue benefits through negotiations and bargaining with the county boards.

Justice Maura D. Corrigan authored a concurring opinion.

The justices, in their prevailing opinion, said that court officials failed to demonstrate how a perceived lack of morale due to the benefit dispute had effected court operations.

"Any claimed morale problems that did exist among the trial court's employees seem predicated upon the chief judge's own unilateral promise to provide the enhanced benefits," Markman wrote in the opinion. "To this extent, the trial court is seeking to require the counties to pay for a problem that it had arguably created."

A law clerk for Davis referred all calls for comment to current 46th Circuit Trial Court officials.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said county officials were happy they came out on the winning end of the dispute. Payment of attorney fees, however, which have been projected to be over \$2 million, has not been decided.

"We are extremely pleased that the Supreme Court ruled in our favor but this is really a delicate issue because we still have to work with the court system," Stephenson said. "We all need to respect the court, and we do, and we have our work cut out for us to clean up this mess."

Patricia Morse, the current chief judge for the 46th Circuit

Trial Court, said trial court officials and its attorneys are evaluating a number of unresolved issues and possible courses of action in the wake of the Supreme Court decision.

"The court's employees are saddened by this decision, but not discouraged," Morse said in a prepared statement. "The relationship between the counties and court is now very good, despite this lawsuit. We expect to continue working with all funding units to control costs and deliver services."

Justices Elizabeth Weaver, Michael F. Cavanagh and Marilyn Kelly filed the dissenting opinion for the benefit dispute.

Weaver said she felt that the benefits were reasonable and necessary costs and that there

were no clear errors made in the lower courts.

"Benefit packages are necessary when at least six frustrated employees quit work because of poor wages and benefits at a court already staffed at bare bones and just getting by," Weaver said in her opinion.

In previous testimony, Davis said he was trying to attract quality employees to work in the courts and ensure they had health care benefits for their service to the counties.

"In all the time I've been involved in county government, I've seen circumstances where people, who should go because they are tired, they're worn out, they're sick, but they don't go because this is the only place they can get their medical benefits," Davis said.

Frederic Fun Day to feature parade, pageant

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

For those who think the summer festival season in Crawford County ended with the AuSable River Festival, the citizens of Frederic Township are out to prove that the party isn't over yet.

Said parade committee member Robin Cox, "people ask all the time, 'what's going on for Frederic Fun Day?'"

Their three day festival kicks off on Friday, August 4 at the township park and runs through Sunday.

This is Frederic Fun Day's second year after it was revived by festival Chairperson Penny Podjaske in 2005. Prior to that, there had been no official town festival in Frederic for several years.

"People want to see it happen," said Cox.

"We're all good friends but we never get together," said Podjaske, who feels that the event will serve to create some community togetherness in Frederic.

"I think we're all cool people and we should all be cool people together," said Podjaske.

The festival starts at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with the judging of desserts. Those with a sweet tooth and a talent for desserts should bring their creations to the park at 5:15 p.m. to be judged and, later, shared at a pot luck.

At 6 p.m. the official commencement takes place, starting with the national anthem and flag raising by the Frederic Fire Department.

Immediately afterwards, the Citizens of the Year will be announced. Following that announcement and ensuing cere-

mony, the pot luck will take place. All attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

At 7 p.m., Frederic will prove that they are one of the most unique communities in Northern Michigan with an ugly dog contest. All are welcome to participate in this face off which will determine who has the most hideous mutt in town.

Once the most pathetic pooch has been picked, a jam session will kick off at 7:30 p.m. All local musicians are welcome. This is a great opportunity for local bands to gain exposure or to test out their original songs on a live audience. The jam session will continue into the night.

After a long night of rocking out, Frederic Fun Day officially kicks into gear on Saturday at 9 a.m. Kid's crafts will open in the park from this time until 6 p.m.

The parade begins at 10 a.m.

"We had major success last year," said Cox.

"Last year we had tons of people decorating tractors and it was very funny," said Podjaske.

In response to the popularity of decorated tractors, a judged competition called "Nascar Tractors" is being incorporated into the parade. At 11 a.m. the awards for the best decorated tractors will be presented.

"It's going to be a pretty fun parade," said Podjaske.

Anyone who has not officially submitted a float may join the lineup on the day of the parade.

As soon as the parade ends, a day packed with fun and games begins. Activities starting at 11 a.m. include jail, slip and slide, tomato throw, plinko board, horseshoes tournament and "picture frame people."

A cake walk and tricycle race

start at 1:30 a.m.

At noon, more kids games open as well as a competition for kids up to three years old called "Itty Bitty Fredericans."

Next up is a 1-2-3 punch of activities including a donut eating contest at 1 p.m., water balloon volleyball at 2 p.m. and an ugly knee contest at 3 p.m.

Between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. is a bed race and a "Fear Factor" style competition.

At 5 p.m., the Little Miss and Mister Frederic competition will be held. The participants for this competition have been training hard for a couple of weeks and will be prepared to impress. This competition should be one of the major highlights of the day, as it is one of the chief reasons Podjaske was inspired to reinstate the festival.

Starting at around the same time, there will be a car burnout show at the Frederic Elementary School.

The final event of a very full day takes place at 8 p.m. with a performance from the High Society Wise Guys.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 117 complaints the week of July 24 - July 30:

One assist other jurisdiction, two delinquent minors, seven false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct-sexual assault, three assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-no forced entry-non-residence, four larcenies, one larceny-from yards, one damage to property, eight public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, four health and safeties, four miscellaneous criminal offenses, two miscellaneous arrest, 11 accidents-traffic, three accidents-non-traffic, two traffic safety public appearances, two motor vehicles-vehicle identification

number-school busses, five civil matters/family disputes, 15 suspicious situations, two lost and found properties, 27 general non-criminal complaints and nine driving violations/driving while license suspended.

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AuSable River Festival Festivities



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Taylor Scott, 3, of Grayling, enjoyed a chicken dinner prepared by the Grayling Rotary Club.



Lois Palmer (left) shows off her quilt to Sheila Krayes. There were about 40 entries in the Ice House Quilt Show this year. Butch Feldhauser got first place, Gay Lyles was second and Lois Palmer was third in the competition.



Jenny Long (foreground) examines jewelry with a friend at the craft show on Friday. The show gave people the opportunity to purchase hard to find items.

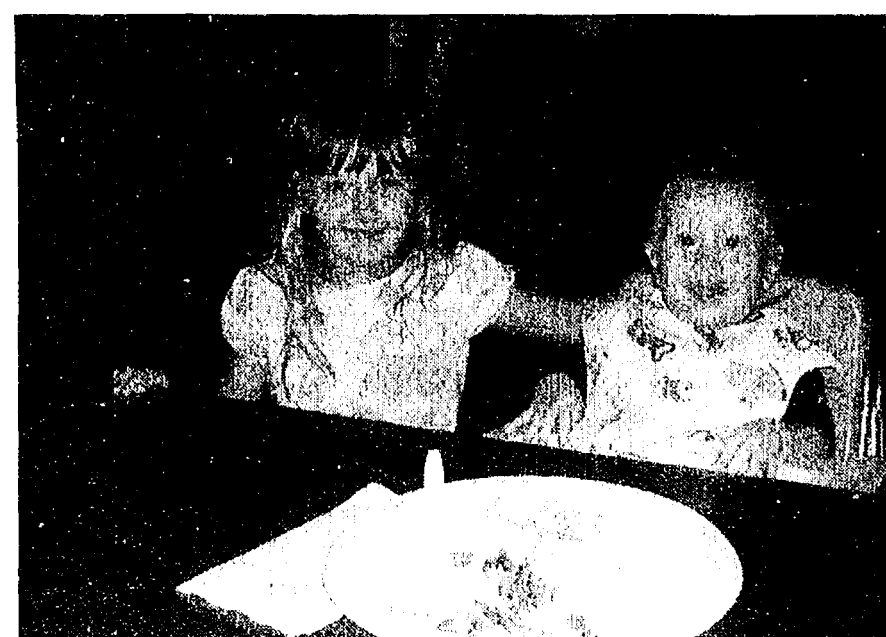


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Taylor Northrop, 4, and Logan Northrop, 9 months, enjoyed the Grayling Eagles Club's 12th Annual Ox and Pork Roast dinner on Saturday.

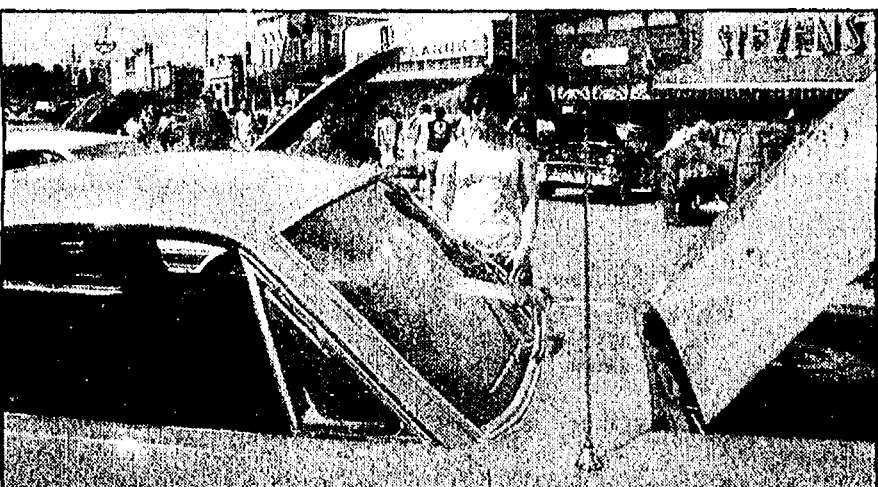


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Brian Ashton appeared twice in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Festival Parade - first as the parade's grand marshal, and later performing with the group Mr. Hand. Above, Ashton prepares to strum the guitar played by his son, Timothy Bracko.



A couple examines one of the many vehicles on display at the car show. Rod Hinkle won the first place trophy and \$250 for his 1940 Dodge Coup. Second place went to Georgetta Felix and her '50 Mercury Lead Sled. Andy and Walt Buchanan got third with their '37 Chevy PW.



Bitsy Hellebuyck shows off her sweet ride at the car show on Saturday. There were 117 cars entered in the event this year. During the show, event hosts Davis Jewelers and Upper Lakes Tire gave away \$3,000 in door prizes and \$900 total in cash.



Squirt guns were a popular sale item at the craft show, due to the sweltering heat on Friday and Saturday. People were doing whatever they could to keep cool.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Youngsters from the community rode their decorated bikes in the parade behind a float from the Little Bear Day Care.

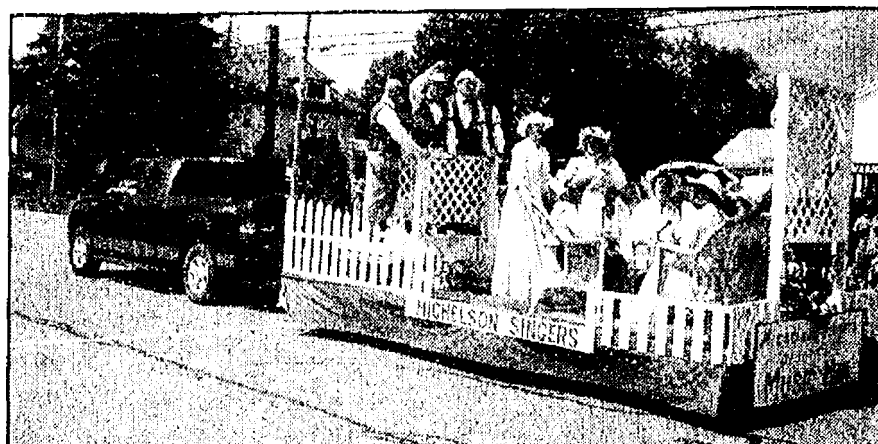


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The Michelson Singers performed their version of the "Music Man" during the parade.



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Charlie Fick and members of the AuSable Shrine Club Motorcade dazzled parade onlookers with their mini-motorcycles.

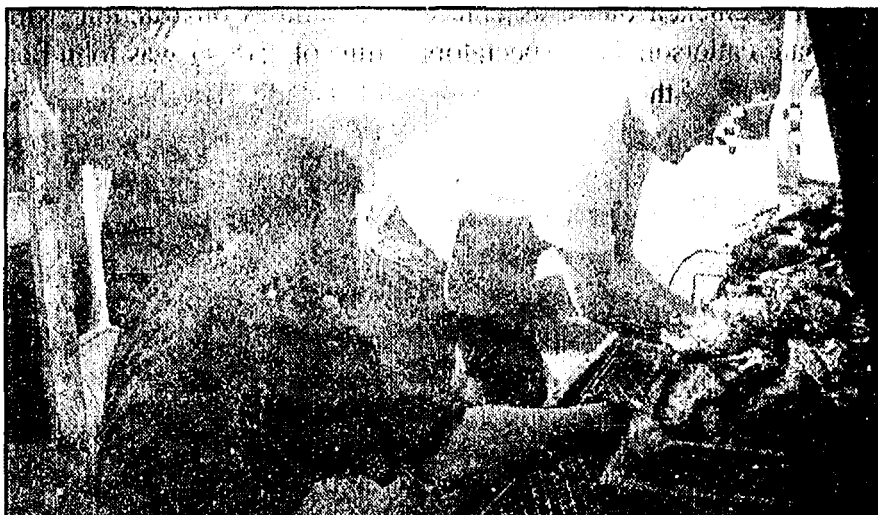


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Grayling Rotary Club members, Craig Denholm and Brian Dandy, manned the grill for the 10th Annual Rotary Chicken Barbeque Dinner held at the American Legion Hall.



Michigan Ave. was packed all day Saturday, with festivities that included a car show, concessions, a rock wall, live music and a street dance that lasted well into the night.

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HUP Race attracts largest crowd yet

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Take the energy and excitement of the Canoe Marathon. Subtract the professional paddlers. Throw in a few rolls of duct tape and compact it all into a couple of hours and you have the HUP Race in a nutshell.

This year's Hurry Up and Paddle-or sink-Race, which took place last Thursday starting at 6 p.m., attracted the largest crowd the event has ever seen. Organizers estimate that over 500 people were in attendance.

The throngs of spectators packing the banks and bridge of the Grayling City Park weren't there just to watch boats race. They wanted to see just how many of the event's wooden, duct taped crafts would wind up at the bottom of the AuSable.

Competitors are required to assemble their watercraft from a sheet of plywood, two 2X4 boards, a box of nails and a roll of duct tape.

The challenge is not easy. In the past, about 40% of the participants have found themselves treading water after their boats proved to be unseaworthy.

Although the fear of spilling into the cold waters of the AuSable may be daunting, cheating on boat construction had serious consequences this year.

Prior to the race start, each of this year's 22 entries were inspected by a trio of race judges- real life judge Janet Allen, judge hopeful Monte Burmeister and event volunteer Kellie Rubin.

If any boat did not meet the race specs, the team was subjected to a penalty. A minor penalty, such as an illegal decal, resulted in the guilty team being forced to do a public rendition of the chicken dance as emcee Chad Patterson kept spectators apprised of the situation.

More serious violations of boat construction, such as the use of extra duct tape or glue, resulted in far more grave consequences than public dancing.

Although Weyerhaeuser Corporation forks out major cash to sponsor the Canoe Marathon each year, the inspectors showed no mercy when their HUP Race boat was judged to be guilty of a major violation.

Amid cries of "throw the book at them" from the unforgiving crowd, Monte Burmeister opened a black case labeled "Cheaters Beware" and produced a wireless drill. In this race, rule breaking results in a very leaky boat.

Despite the fact that a handful of boats got the drill treatment, the competitors were not intimidated. Chad Patterson read statements from each of the teams just before the race got underway. Several teams, such as the Grayling County Club, made it clear that they were out for blood this year.

"Let it be known that the Grayling Country Club Grass Rats will mow you down."

If that sounds bad, then Mercy Hospital's team of nurses were truly a forced to be feared in light of their pre-race statement:

"We're gonna send you to the morgue."

Perhaps Captain AJD of the AJD Forest Products team spoke for everyone with his statement, which read as follows:

"Winning is not an option. It's a way of life."

Each and every team was forced to prove that they could back up their statements when the race got underway. The teams paired up to race in heats of two. After a short run down the bank, teams sent their boats upriver with a single paddler struggling to keep the craft afloat and ahead of the competition.

Each boat had to make it about 100 feet upriver before turning around at a buoy and heading back downstream to the finish line.

Live race commentary was provided by sportscaster Aaron Mills from 9 & 10 News, who was suspended high above the river in a crane. From his vantage point, he detailed every action-packed minute of the spectacle.

Ultimately, AuSable Construction's paddler took the Fastest HUP'er award, with a time 2:11:82.

"I just went for it, man," said Greg Calkins, AuSable Construction's winning paddler. "We knew that we had a pretty good boat."

Calkins even revealed his race strategy to the press.

"The key thing, man, is to keep it floating."

Trailing closely behind AuSable Construction with a time of 2:18:71 was John Bartha of Head's Up North, earning him the trophy for Almost Fastest. Bartha was just shy of achieving the first repeat win in the event's history, having taken the top prize at the event's inaugural race in 2004.

Despite their violations in boat design, Weyerhaeuser impressed the judges enough with the duct taped race car driver costume worn by Josh Sinnaede to grant him the Best Costumed Paddler award. His fashionable outfit was designed by co-worker Miranda Shear.

The Beaman Valley River Sharks, a team of family and friends, won the coveted Most Creative Canoe category, with a fierce craft that looked just like a shark.

The Haven't Got a Clue award went to the Grayling Eagles men's team, whose boat cap-sized several times in the starting stretch before the men had to call it quits. Interestingly, their female counterparts from the Grayling Eagles Auxiliary team finished the race with no prob-

lems.

The final prize, the almighty Sinker Award, went to the Mercy Hospital South Nurses team, who might as well have been trying to paddle a rock.

"The design of the boat was a little off," said Tanya Babbitt, paddler for the South Nurses team. She said the water was "a little mucky, but warm."

Babbitt said the nurses refuse to be deterred by this year's sinking.

"We'll be back and better than ever next year."

The judges gave an Honorable Mention to AJD Forest Products for their impressive entrance to the race.

"I said this year I'm going to do something else to keep that ball rolling," said paddler Tony Nash, also known as Captain AJD.

Nash's boat was transported to the race on the back of a full sized flat bed truck. When the truck arrived, the Captain made his appearance.

"I just jumped out with my cape and my stupid hat and whatnot," said Nash.

Despite finishing the race behind Captain AJD's archrivals at Weyerhaeuser, Nash was undaunted.

"They're trying to be leaders. But you know what? AJD will always be a leader," said Nash. "Each and every year AJD will take steps ahead of everybody else."

Captain AJD revealed more secrets than his identity, however. He admitted that his boisterous attitude is more for the benefit of the race than anything else.

"To be honest with you, I want to generate more enthusiasm for the race," said Nash. "It's family entertainment."

If enthusiasm was truly Captain AJD's goal, then maybe he did win after all. Event organizers were happy about how well the event turned out.

"I thought it went great," said HUP Race committee member Jamie Greer.

"The committee feels that (event emcee) Chad Patterson brought it all together," said committee member Ann Stephenson.

For next year, the committee is considering allowing more race participants. They are also looking at ways to streamline the pre-race events so that fans can get to the action sooner.

Next year, heats will also likely be organized according to known rivalries. For example, the teams from AJD Forest Products and Weyerhaeuser would race against each other.

Most importantly, there will be even harsher penalties for rule breakers.

"We'll get tougher with the construction of the boats," said Stephenson. "We let a lot of cheating slide by. Next year we vow to be tougher."



Monte Burmeister prepares to drill a hole in the Weyerhaeuser boat after it fails to pass inspection. Race officials say they will be even tougher on boats that are not up to specs next year.



This disastrous launch earned the Mercy Hospital South Nurses team the Sinker Award. Paddler Tanya said, "yes, it was marvelous, wasn't it?"



This year, the Grayling City Council's boat (pictured) set the record for slowest finishing time ever, taking nine minutes to complete the short race course.

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Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner reopens

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After an 18-month hiatus, the Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner has reopened in downtown Grayling.

The landmark restaurant reopened on Sunday, July 23 in time for the Colgate Country Showdown, a talent contest that including 16 participants.

The initial business was founded by the late Earl Dawson in 1938. A soda fountain and retail store which featured over the counter medications and greeting cards and other items were sold at the business.

The business was destroyed by a fire in 1957, which was caused by an electrical short which started in an outside sign. It reopened a year later.

Dawson's son, Devere (Dec) Dawson, and his wife, Pauline, managed the business for over five decades.

Pauline Dawson, who visited the diner for lunch last week, said being in the building brought back a flood of memories.

"When you look back, it was work, but it was fun," Dawson said.

Russell Stevens, and his late wife Jane, purchased the business in 1994. They transformed the business into more of a restaurant operation, and ran it for 10 years.

Bill Gannon, the owner of Gannon Broadcasting who also owns Bear's Den Pizzeria and Growler's Pub Pizza and Brew, purchased the business in 2004.

Gannon said he wanted to run the restaurant for a year before closing to make renovations.

Over the last year and half, the building has been revamped and the seating capacity has been doubled from 48 people to being able to seat 110 customers.

A rear entrance was added to the building, which features two handicapped accessible rest



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner waitress, Amanda Hulbert, chats with Michelle and Evan Quionones, of Atlanta, Ga., while they were in the diner on Tuesday. The Quionones, who have a cottage in Higgins Lake, make a point to visit the diner when they come to Grayling.

rooms and a new kitchen area.

"The most important thing we wanted to do was make the upgrades to the building but we didn't want to destroy the feeling of the original soda fountain atmosphere," Gannon said.

Reopening the restaurant actually includes the consolidation of two Northern Michigan attractions.

Gannon was able to acquire the Bottle Cap Museum, a collection of 7,000 Coca-Cola memorabilia items, from Bill and Ethel Hicks, who operated the museum in Sparr just outside of Gaylord for 10 years.

Gannon visited the museum during a break from his office in hopes of purchasing a couple of items for the diner, and the enigmatic Hicks jokingly encouraged him to buy the entire museum.

After learning that the museum

drew 3,500 to 3,800 visitors per year, and discussing the prospect with business associates and Hicks, Gannon agreed to purchase the collection.

"He was looking to sell the museum, but he was looking to sell it to someone who was going to keep it intact, not piece meal it or sell all the stuff over the Internet or through E-Bay," Gannon said.

Bill Hicks, who gave enthusiastic tours of the museum, which took up space in every room of his home, will continue to be involved with the museum.

"He is still very active with the museum and wants to come down and do mini-tours," Gannon said.

Gannon has added items to the collection, including several items from NASCAR's Coca-Cola racing family.

Gannon's sister, Mary Ann McEvoy is the curator for the museum. She cataloged the items for the museum and developed the lay out of the items for the diner.

Tom Johnson, a former employee at the restaurant, was the contractor for the renovations.

"He knew the building inside and out," said Gannon, who credited McEvoy and Johnson for being creative with the building renovations.

Dawson and Stevens Classic Diner employs a workforce of 18 people.

The menu features several items which were served before the renovations, which are listed as names of classic songs such as "At The Hop," "Tutti Frutti," "Rock'n Robin" and "House of the Rising Sun."

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Rochette's under new ownership

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Rochette's, in Grayling, experienced a change of faces at the beginning of last month. When the previous owners moved on to other projects, ownership of the business was assumed by Sawan Singh on July 5.

Prior to taking over Rochette's, Singh and his family had lived in California for 14 years. They are originally from India, where Singh had an entirely different occupation.

"Actually, my background is a farmer," said Singh.

When he decided that the business of farming was too risky, he moved to the United States.

"When I came to the U.S., I started to work in a convenience store," said Singh.

After 14 years in the industry, he decided that running a store of his own would be the next logical step. When he spotted an ad for

Rochette's on the internet, he jumped at the opportunity.

He now lives in Grayling and operates the local convenience store with the help of his wife, Pal Kaur, and his son, Ranjit Singh.

Singh already has big plans underway for the store, including a major expansion into the area that used to be used for storage and sorting bottles. He hasn't officially decided just what the expansion will be used for yet.

He also plans on addressing the business's corroded parking area.

"Frankly, my plan is to just fill up the holes," said Singh.

On the long term, he plans to redo the entire parking lot once he has some extra revenue to work with.

In the meantime, he and his family are trying to get on their feet and operate the business without any extra help, which he

says is "a lot of work."

Meanwhile, he is enjoying life in his new community.

"It's good," said Singh. "Mostly people are very nice."

Singh said that, unfortunately, he feels that his family has experienced some racist attitudes since they moved into town, but these incidents have not been common.

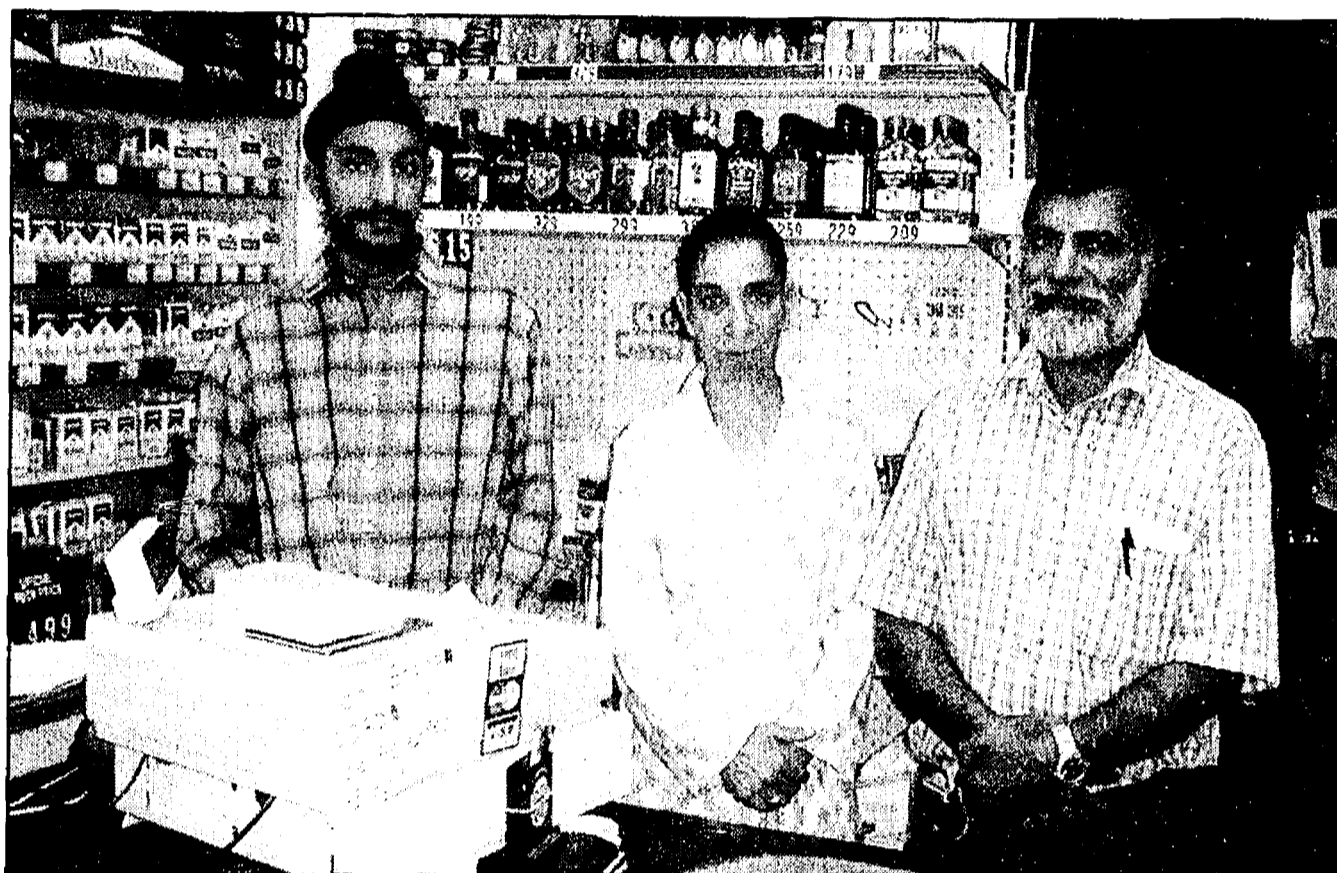
"This is our country," said Singh.

Singh noted that he and his family are neither Arab nor Muslim, which may be the source of some confusion. He also added that nobody deserves to be preemptively judged.

"I respect the whole humanity," said Singh.

Meanwhile, he is getting into the Northern Michigan spirit. He says he wants to try some popular local winter sports.

"I will try the sledding," said Singh.



From left: Ranjit Singh, Pal Kaur and Sawan Singh in their newly acquired store. Sawan Singh was a farmer prior to getting into the convenience store business.

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Local student attends Interlochen Arts Camp

Chuck Hughes, Grayling High School senior, of Grayling, is attending Interlochen Arts Camp, the world's premier summer arts program for aspiring artists grades 3 through 12.

Chuck, the son of Donna and Gary Pettyjohn and Richard and Kathy Hughes will study voice with the All State Choir at the camp, which in 2006 celebrates its 79th summer of pioneering arts education. The All State concert is Aug. 5, at 12:30 p.m., Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen, and is open to the public.

Interlochen Arts Camp attracts students, faculty and staff from all 50 U.S. states and more than 40 countries. These 3,000 kindred spirits fill Interlochen's northwoods campus with an explosion of creativity and inspiration. The world's most talented and motivated students train intensively with world-class instructors, and produce more than 400 presentations each summer in dance, theatre, creative writing, visual arts and music.

Among the distinguished camp alumni are opera and concert soprano Jessye Norman, "Roseanne" star Sara Gilbert, actor Tom Hulse, "Cathy" creator Cathy Guisewite, vocalist Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary, and CBS News

Correspondent Mike Wallace. Former Interlochen Campers also include five-time Grammy winner Norah Jones and singer Josh Groban, both of whom have performed as part of the Interlochen Arts Festival in recent summers.

Throughout the summer, Interlochen Arts Festival presents more than 450 events by students, faculty, staff and distinguished guest artists. Recent guest artists have included Interlochen alumni Norah Jones, Josh Groban and Jewel, as well as Itzhak Perlman, Arturo Sandoval, Joshua Bell, Momix, Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Nadja Salemo-Sonnenberg, Lyle Lovett, Cassandra Wilson, Sarah Chang, Bela Fleck, Boston Pops, Sara Evans, Gramercy Trio, Regina Carter, U.S. Army Band, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Joan Osborne.

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HONORS

National Honor Roll (NHR) announced that Terri Lasby of Grayling, has been accepted as a member of NHR's Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-2006. Terri Lasby teaches

Business Technology at Grayling High School and will appear in the NHR Outstanding American Teachers 2005-2006 Commemorative Edition. Lasby has also received the

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Free clinic receives two grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. is delighted to announce the receipt of two recent grants from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation (BCBSMF). Earlier this spring, the Clinic was awarded a Proposal Development Grant from BCBSMF. The grant allows the clinic to hire a grant writer to submit proposals for funds to keep the clinic open on a long-term basis.

The clinic has also been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the foundation to support continued operating costs.

It is the mission of the clinic to provide outpatient health care services by professional staff and volunteers to individuals who have no medical insurance and cannot afford medical care.

The clinic is open to the public every Thursday night for four hours between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The services provided include: health maintenance; management of common acute or episodic illnesses and chronic illnesses; laboratory and x-ray services as directed by the physician; prescription assistance; referrals to necessary community-based services; and patient education.

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. is actively working to address the BCBSMF's areas of interest by providing quality care at no-cost to qualified residents and working to improve community health through direct treatment and patient education.

To date, the AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. has recruited 75 active volunteers comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, and residents providing clerical assistance. On average, six to eight volunteers staff the clinic

each night that it is open and 450+ hours of volunteer time has been provided to the clinic since opening its doors.

Individuals without employment account for the second largest group served with 18.9% receiving unemployment assistance and 10.5% with no income at all. The majority of clients reside in either Crawford or Roscommon counties, with 72.9% and 18% respectively.

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. provides much needed medical care to low income, uninsured clients in our community. Clients have reported via survey information that many of them would have gone without medical care had it not been for the availability of the clinic. Clients receive treatment, medication, education, and information to assist in linking them to other community

resources.

The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. requires approximately \$187,000 to cover annual operating costs. Nearly \$100,000 is received in the form of in-kind donations through Mercy Hospital of Grayling and physicians volunteering their time and talents.

"There has been an overwhelming response from the community to start and keep the clinic up and running," says Monte Burmeister, President of the Board of Directors for The AuSable Free Clinic, Inc. "With the dedication of generous volunteers, Dr. Lisa Harrington, Grayling Mercy Hospital, Stephanie Matuszak, Trinity-Health System, and BCBSMF, all have made it clear that they want the clinic to become a permanent part of our community," added Burmeister.



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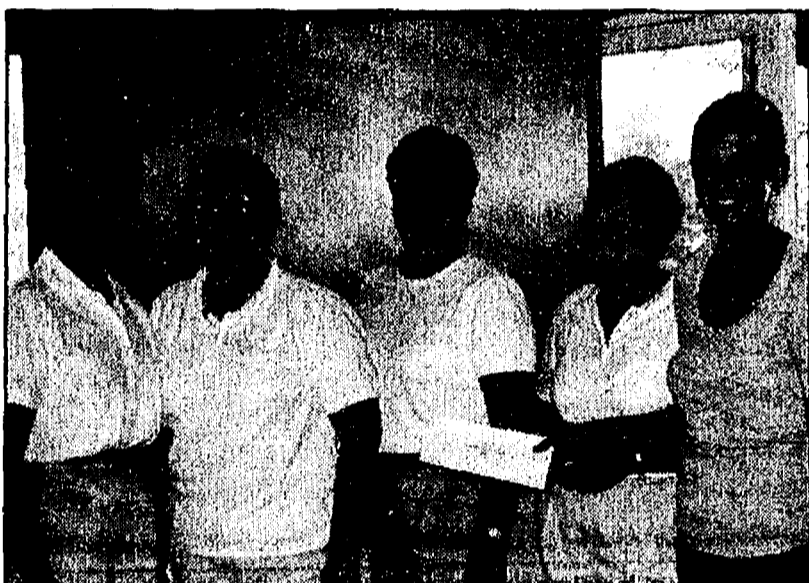
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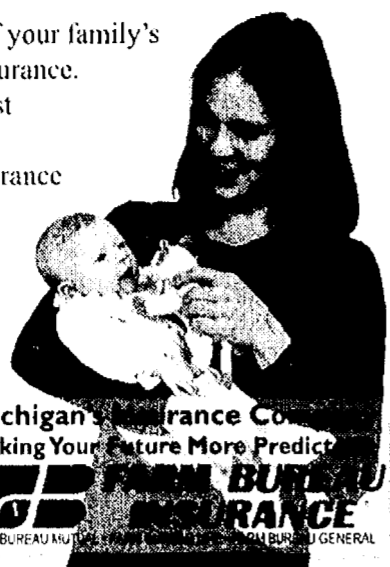
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LTC Christopher Golnick

Christopher Golnick, a member of the Michigan Army National Guard's 107th Headquarters Quartermaster Battalion, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, on June 29, while training at Camp Shelby, Miss. LTC Golnick is currently assigned as the Executive Officer for the 107th, and upon his return from deployment will transfer to the Joint Force Headquarters as the Branch Chief of the Maintenance Division.

LTC Golnick has been a member of the Armed Forces for 31 years, and began his career in the United States Marine Corps in 1975.

He is married to Linda and they are the parents of Dave, Sarah and William; and is the son of Harold "Tike" and Sally Golnick, all of Grayling.

LTC Golnick is expected to deploy to South West Asia for a 12 month tour upon completion of training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

HONORS

Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw State Valley University announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2005 semester. The following students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and maintain a grade point average between 3.4 to 3.99.

Jessie A. Blankenship from Frederic; Janelle K. Gregorich, Ashley M. Isaacson, and Margaret VanGuilder, all from Grayling. Students from Roscommon are: Darren J. Barnes, Ashley M. Beemer, Amber D. Drog, Lindsey M.

Vest and Kristy L. Weaver. Saginaw Valley State University has recognized 382 undergraduate students for their outstanding academic achievements by placing them on the President's List for the fall 2005 semester.

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Canoe #13 (Jason Hall and Josh Taylor) and Canoe #12 (Efrain Cruz and Tad Hill) reach Cooke Dam on Sunday. Canoe 12 placed eighth and Canoe 13 took ninth.

Harwood, Limberg win 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Halstead brothers finish second, Rimer and Triebold take third

Fifty-eight out of 64 teams finish this year's race from Grayling to Oscoda

Jim Harwood of Grayling and Allen Limberg of Wausau, Wisconsin won this year's Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, finishing at least 15 minutes ahead of the other 58 teams that completed the 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda this past weekend.

This year's AuSable Marathon, the 59th race in the event's history, had as many as 66 teams registered. After two late withdrawals, 64 teams started the 2006 AuSable Marathon on Saturday, July 29.

On Saturday night, the 64 paddling teams lined up near the Grayling Post Office according to sprint for position times and ran to the AuSable River with their boats to Ray's Canoe Livery at 9 p.m. A sizeable crowd

cheered the paddlers as they left for Oscoda.

Matthew Rimer of Grayling and Andrew Triebold of Spring Arbor led at the first three timing checkpoints - Burton's Landing, Stephan Bridge, and Wakeley Bridge - followed by Mo Harwood of Grayling and Steve Lajoie of Mirabel, Quebec, Ryan Halstead and Rodney Halstead, both of Grayling, and J.

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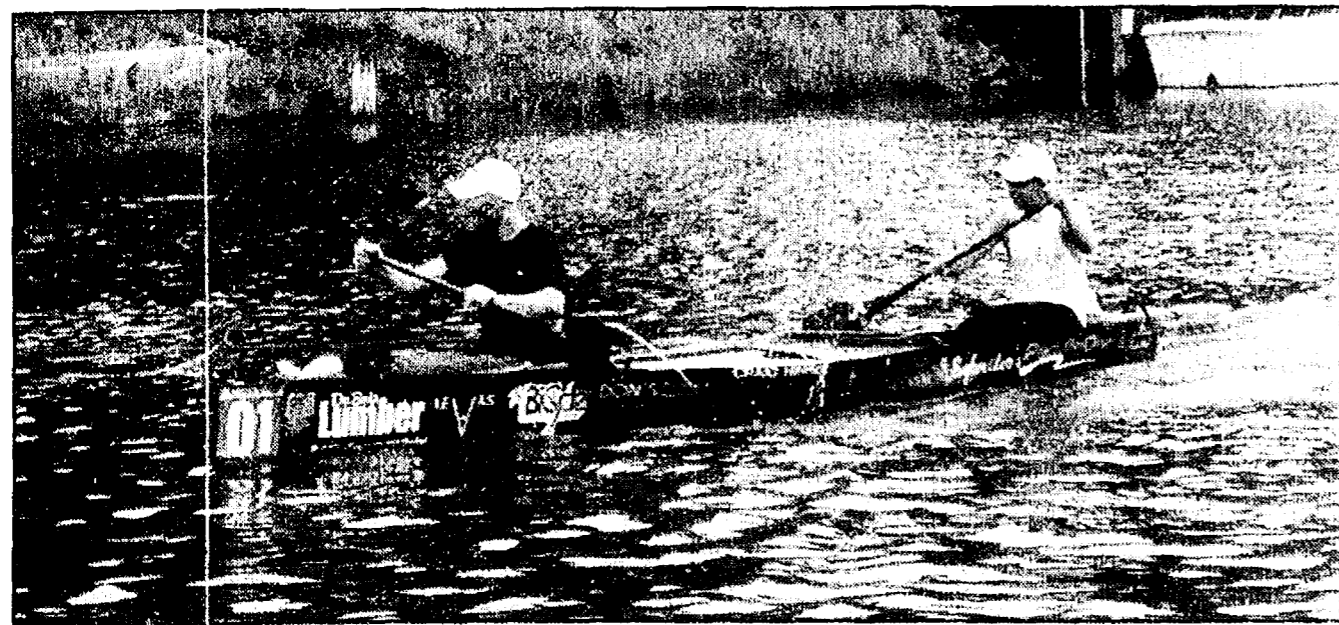


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Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead paddle in the AuSable Marathon's Time Trials event on Thursday, July 27. The Halsteads placed second at sprints and second in the AuSable Marathon. For more on Time Trials, see Page 4B.



Mo Harwood and Steve Lajoie finish the 2006 AuSable Marathon on Sunday. Harwood and Lajoie placed fourth.



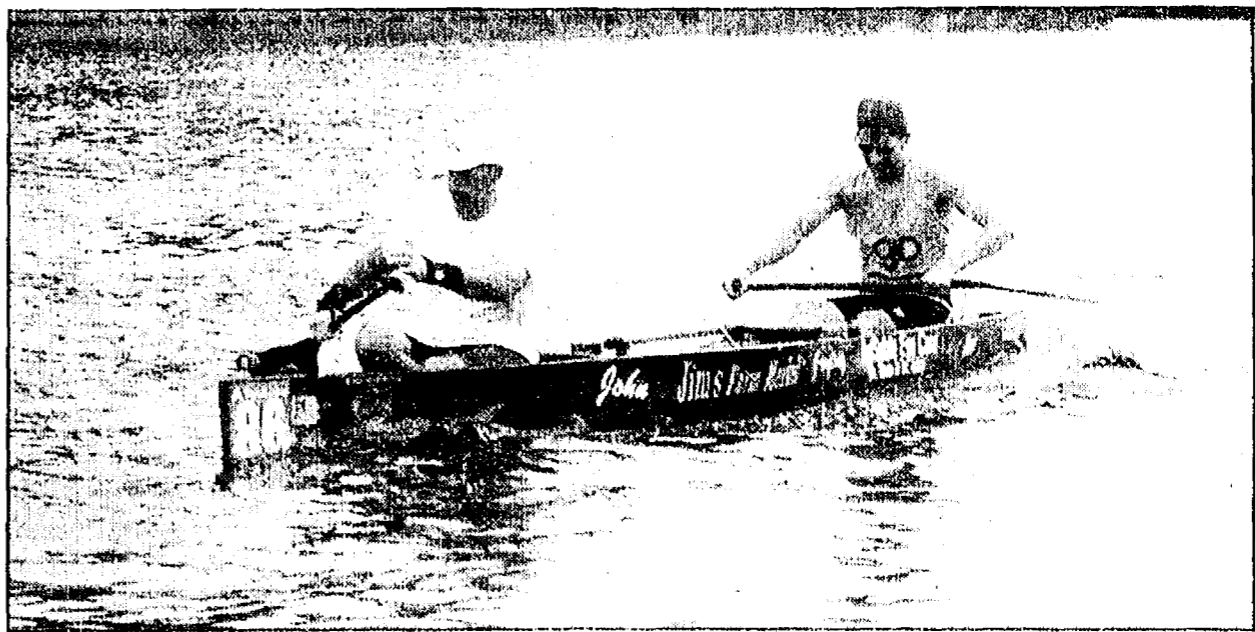
Andrew Triebold and Matt Rimer cross the finish line at Oscoda, finishing the race in third place.



Tim Valko and Guy Rousseau paddle through the finish line at Oscoda. Valko and Rousseau placed sixth.



Ray Trudgeon and Tom Trudgeon navigate a portage at Cooke Dam. The Trudgeons finished 13th.



John Sullivan and Ted Kolka finish the AuSable Marathon on Sunday. Sullivan and Kolka took fifth place.

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Harwood, Limberg win 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon

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Harwood and Limberg.

The Halstead brothers led at McMasters Bridge, with J. Harwood and Limberg right behind them. M. Harwood and Lajoie were third and Rimer and Triebold were fourth.

J. Harwood and Limberg led at the fifth checkpoint - Parmalee Bridge - and maintained their lead throughout the final 10 checkpoints. They posted a finish time of 14:33:50. It was J. Harwood's second AuSable River Canoe Marathon victory - he also won the race in 1995 with Patrick Lynch. The 2006 race

was J. Harwood's 21st AuSable Marathon. Limberg has competed in eight AuSable Marathons and this year was his first win. J. Harwood and Limberg placed third in last year's AuSable Marathon.

The Halsteads, competing in their fifth AuSable Marathon, placed second, finishing in 14:48:25.

Last year's second place finishers, Triebold and Rimer, took third with a time of 14:50:21.

Fourth place went to M. Harwood and Lajoie, who posted a time of 14:56:16.

John Sullivan and Ted Kolka, both of Grayling, finished fifth (15:03:26).

Also finishing in the top ten were: 6th place - Tim Valko of Pinckney and Guy Rousseau of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, 15:07:00; 7th place - Jeff Rankinen of Jersey Shore,

Pennsylvania and Todd Roadman of Bedford, Pennsylvania, 15:07:04; 8th place - Tad Hill of Livonia and Efrain Cruz of Belize City, Belize, 15:09:52; 9th place - Josh Taylor of Grayling and Jason Hall of Crystal, 15:09:57; 10th place - Pete Mead of Traverse City and Mitch McMillan of Clare, 15:11:04.

Top 20 teams also included: Tom Cannon and Matt Streib, 11th, 15:13:07; Bill Torongo and Rick Joy, 12th, 15:16:19; Ray Trudgeon and Tom Trudgeon, 13th, 15:19:01; Joe Shaw and Nick Bauer, 14th, 15:21:34; Matt Meersman and Sean Casey, 15th, 15:29:07; Colin Hunter and Ted Smutek, 16th, 15:31:43; Ben Hugus and Bruce Barton, 17th, 15:35:28; Todd VanDeVen and Nick Walton, 18th, 15:36:32; Wade Binion and Armin Lopez, 19th, 15:39:39; Todd Ellison and

Kate Ellis, 20th, 15:47:23.

Ellison and Ellis were the first mixed team to cross the finish line this year. Gloria Wesley and Gary Aprea finished second in the mixed division (23rd overall) and Jim Bauer and Allison Scott took third (24th overall).

Lynne Witte and Connie Cannon were the top women's team this year with a finish time of 16:09:52 (30th overall).

Fifty-eight out of the 64 teams that started the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon reached the finish line at Oscoda. Only six teams had to drop out or were disqualified for failing to meet timing deadlines this year.

For a complete list of unofficial results for the 59th AuSable River Canoe Marathon, see Page 3B. Results are also available on the Internet at the race's official web site: www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.

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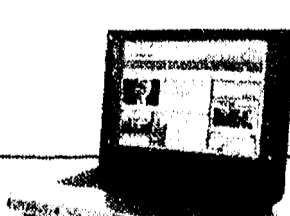


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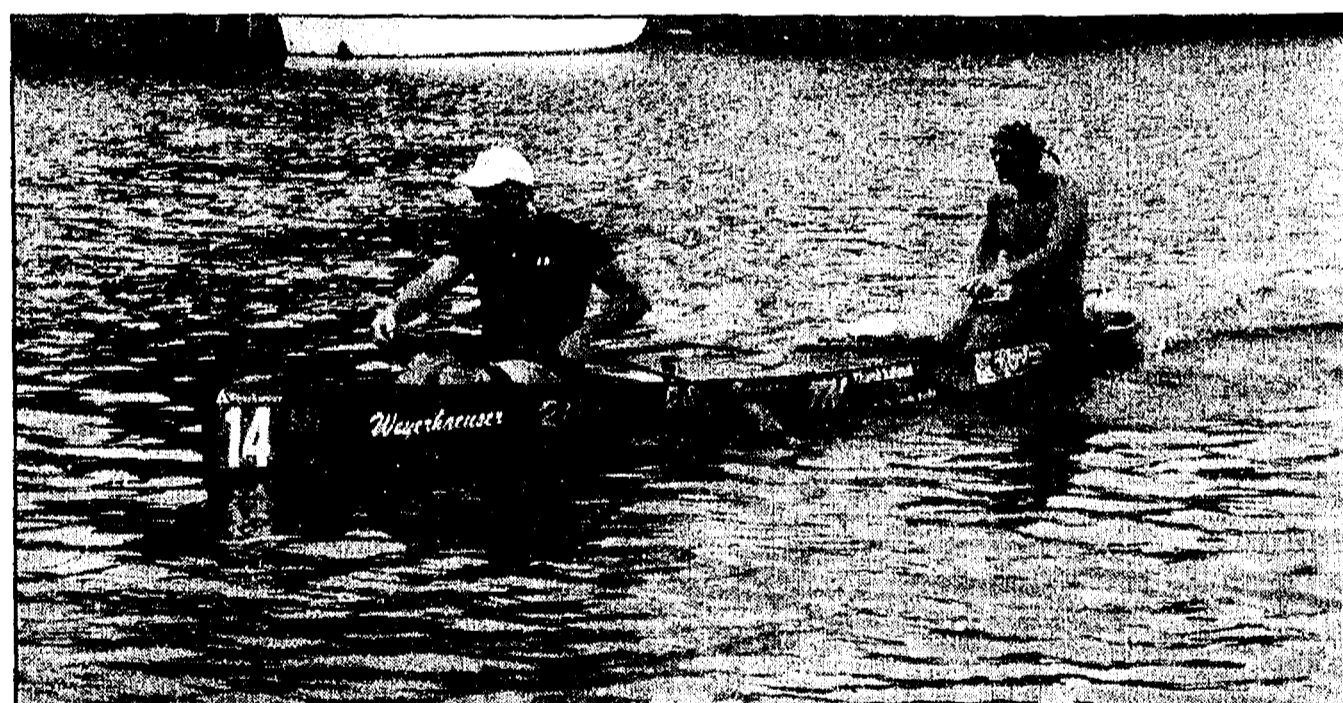
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Rick Joy and Bill Torongo cross the finish line at Oscoda. Joy and Torongo placed 12th.



Jeff Rankinen and Todd Roadman - the seventh place finishers in this year's AuSable Marathon - paddle through the finish line.



Matt Meersman and Sean Casey finish the 2006 AuSable Marathon. They took 15th place.

2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Results

Place	Canoe#	Time	Paddler	Paddler	Place	Canoe#	Time	Paddler	Paddler
01	2	14:33:50	Jim Harwood	Allen Limberg	33	31	16:19:29	Chad Brandt	Mike Thomsen
02	87	14:48:25	Rodney Halstead	Ryan Halstead	34	29	16:20:41	Del Cummings	Vicki Cummings
03	1	14:50:21	Matthew Rimer	Andrew Triebold	35	32	16:25:35	Jerry Killingbeck	Joey Kimsel
04	3	14:56:16	Mo Harwood	Steve Lajoie	36	44	16:29:46	Dwight Walker	Ed Lazar
05	86	15:03:26	John Sullivan	Ted Kolka	37	36	16:39:59	Michael Garon	Tim Chapple
06	52	15:07:00	Tim Valko	Guy Rousseau	38	73	16:43:28	Greg Nelson	Nate Winkler
07	19	15:07:04	Jeff Rankinen	Todd Roadman	39	90	16:46:04	Spencer Derenzy	Bob Smith
08	12	15:09:52	Tad Hill	Efrain Cruz	40	71	16:48:02	John Alsop	Daniel Rabinkin
09	13	15:09:57	Josh Taylor	Jason Hall	41	33	16:51:33	Dr. Chuck Baxter	Kristen Stewart
10	8	15:11:04	Pete Mead	Mitch McMillan	42	94	16:59:58	Frank Smutek	Bill Smutek
11	25	15:13:07	Tom Cannon	Matt Streib	43	48	17:00:18	Ray Quick Jr.	Raymond Quick III
12	14	15:16:19	Bill Torongo	Rick Joy	44	97	17:02:17	Brett Arenz	Devin Arenz
13	49	15:19:01	Ray Trudgeon	Tom Trudgeon	45	46	17:03:56	John Lucey	Ben Lucey
14	98	15:21:34	Joe Shaw	Nick Bauer	46	45	17:08:55	Karen Levitt	Jeff DeFeo
15	63	15:29:07	Matt Meersman	Sean Casey	47	28	17:13:18	Jason Hatfield	Martin Ecker
16	22	15:31:43	Colin Hunter	Ted Smutek	48	53	17:17:36	Chris Scully	Jim Mangutz
17	5	15:35:28	Ben Hugus	Bruce Barton	49	96	17:19:04	Patricia Heed	Tom Warner
18	24	15:36:32	Todd VanDeVen	Nick Walton	50	20	17:21:26	Mark Church	Gabe Williams
19	75	15:39:39	Wade Binion	Armin Lopez	51	79	17:23:43	Martin Spees	Jimmy Spaulding
20	37	15:47:23	Todd Ellison	Kate Ellis	52	61	17:33:56	Chuck Hewitt	Chris Hewitt
21	42	15:55:29	Brian Royce	Jon Thompson	53	93	17:55:29	Dave Dahl	Lee Jarpey
22	89	15:57:47	Steve McAleer	Peter Heed	54	99	17:55:37	Rejean Huard	Benoit Labrosse
23	85	16:00:22	Gloria Wesley	Gary Aprea	55	30	18:10:48	Keith Canny	Jo Harberts
24	17	16:01:04	Jim Bauer	Alison Scott	56	10	18:21:02	Brian Jacobs	Bill Grigsby
25	58	16:01:22	Timothy McClure	Ryan McClure	57	117	18:33:07	Frank Taber	Frank Bailey
26	26	16:02:24	Joe Pollock	Brad Wilson	58	47	18:52:02	Eileen Thompson	Cheryl Lucey
27	43	16:03:06	Ted Matthews	Rodney Matthews	DROP	68	N/A	Tyler Sika	Rick Sika
28	88	16:05:07	Bill Brundage	Barb Bradley	DQ	72	N/A	Garth Greenan	Grant Tally
29	9	16:09:06	Al Widing Sr.	Robert Bradford	DROP	76	N/A	Josh Sheldon	Brad Gross
30	54	16:09:52	Lynne Witte	Connie Cannon	DROP	21	N/A	Alex Donaldson	Dave Lawe
31	83	16:12:21	Ray Bauer	Tom Ackemyer	DROP	65	N/A	Mike Packard	Amy Solak
32	57	16:13:17	Jon Webb	Sarah Webb	DROP	136	N/A	Mark Noorman	Samantha Noorman

**** Results courtesy of www.ausablecanoe marathon.org. Results are unofficial. ****

Harwood, Limberg win 2006 AuSable Marathon



(Left) Nick Walton, who paddled with Todd VanDeVen, guides their canoe down a hill during a portage at Cooke Dam on Sunday during the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. They finished 18th. (Right) Joe Shaw and Nick Bauer reach Oscoda, finishing the race in 14th place.

Youth canoe racers set new records in Casey Challenge

■ Thirty-four teams compete in annual canoe race from Borchers to Burton's

Competitors in the 2006 Casey Challenge U-18 Canoe Race broke the finish time records in all four divisions last Friday.

This year's Casey Challenge, a race that runs from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing, included 34 teams competing in four different age divisions.

James Walker and Jeff Harwood won the 16-17 boys division with a finish time of 56:16. Isaac VanNuck and Jason Drudge took second (56:25) and Justin Denno and Jordan Wakeley placed third (56:31).

Ryan Harris and Matt Hellebuyck finished first in the 14-15 boys division with a time of 57:09. Cameron Wakeley and Shane Ginther placed second (1:00:19). Tyler Arseneau and his partner (name not available) took third place (1:02:01).

Zach Wolcott and Tyler

Brigham won the 12-13 boys division with a final time of 1:05:57. Jake Helsen and Ryan Teeple took second (1:08:54). Nick Shear and Morgan LeMaster finished third (1:09:47).

In the 12-17 girls division, Lindsey Boden and Rebecca Barton finished first (1:02:12). Cassie Pizzi and Kristi Calkins placed second (1:02:37) and Chelsea Partello and Katie Zill were third (1:07:05).

Each of the four division winners posted new records.



Photos by Caleb Casey

The 16-17 boys division leaves from Borchers on Friday during the start of the annual Casey Challenge U-18 Canoe Race.

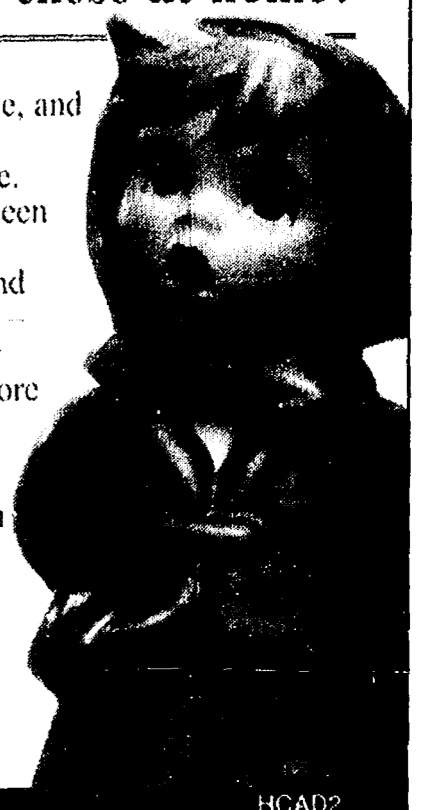


Paddlers in the 14-15 boys division break from the starting line.

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WATCH FOR UPDATES**AuSable Marathon Time Trials Results**

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03	05:33.91	03	Mo Harwood	Steve Lajoie	35	06:45.54	29	Del Cummings	Vicki Cummings
04	05:37.79	2	Jim Harwood	Allen Limberg	36	06:45.71	33	Dr. Chuck Baxter	Kristen Stewart
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06	05:44.64	25	Tom Cannon	Matt Streib	38	06:52.70	85	Gloria Wesley	Gary Aprea
07	05:46.47	14	Bill Torongo	Rick Joy	39	06:55.08	71	John Alsop	Daniel Rabinkin
08	05:46.93	08	Pete Mead	Mitch McMillan	40	06:55.09	54	Lynne Witte	Connie Cannon
09	05:47.90	52	Tim Valko	Guy Rousseau	41	06:57.02	42	Brian Royce	Jon Thompson
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16	06:02.02	98	Joe Shaw	Nick Bauer	48	07:13.43	61	Chuck Hewitt	Chris Hewitt
17	06:03.26	05	Ben Hugus	Bruce Barton	49	07:15.32	73	Greg Nelson	Nate Winkler
18	06:08.12	75	Wade Binion	Armin Lopez	50	07:18.49	53	Chris Scully	Jim Mangutz
19	06:12.31	24	Todd VanDeVen	Nick Walton	51	07:23.81	68	Tyler Sika	Rick Sika
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22	06:15.56	63	Matt Meersman	Sean Casey	54	07:33.39	30	Keith Canny	Jo Harberts
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**Eight of the top 10 sprint teams
also finish in marathon top 10****Rimer and Triebold
post best sprint time;
marathon winners
place third at sprints**

Eight of the top 10 finishers in this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon also finished in the top 10 in the event's Time Trials - a two-day competition in which marathon teams vie for starting position by battling the clock on a looped course at Penrod's.

Time Trials generally offer a decent forecast of where teams will finish during the AuSable Marathon, a 120-mile canoe race from Grayling to Oscoda. Time Trials were held last week on Thursday and Friday.

Matthew Rimer of Grayling and Andrew Triebold of Spring Arbor posted the best sprint time during this year's Time Trials event (5:22.17). Rimer and Triebold finished third in the 2006 AuSable Marathon.

Rodney Halstead and Ryan

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Pete Mead and Mitch McMillan paddle in Time Trials on Friday. Mead and McMillan posted the event's eighth best sprint time and finished 10th in the 2006 AuSable Marathon.



Bruce Barton and Ben Hugus paddle upstream during their sprint on Thursday. They placed 17th in Time Trials and 17th in the AuSable Marathon.



Ted Matthews and Rodney Matthews compete in sprints on Friday, July 28.

Marathon selects first two hall of fame members

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon inducted the first two members into its new hall of fame with a ceremony at last Friday's annual Marathon Dinner.

The AuSable Marathon's hall of fame committee - created this year and consisting of two members from Grayling, two from

Oscoda, and the marathon committee's chairman - selected Jay Stephan, Sr. and Marilyn Wagner for induction in 2006.

Stephan paddled in the first AuSable Marathon with Jack Davis in 1947 and won the race in 1950, 1951, and 1952 with Ted Engel, Jr.

Wagner was the first woman to

enter the AuSable Marathon, and the first to finish the race. Wagner raced with her husband Jerry in 1968.

Wagner and Stephan were honored at the Marathon Dinner last week, and recognized again during the AuSable Marathon's pre-race program on Saturday night.



(Left) Devin Arenz and Bret Arenz paddle in Time Trials on Friday. (Right) Joe Pollock and Brad Wilson compete in sprints for position on Friday, July 28, at Penrod's.



(Left) Robert Bradford and Al Widing Sr. paddle upstream during Time Trials on Thursday evening. (Right) Todd Ellison and Kate Ellis, this year's top mixed team in the AuSable Marathon at 20th place overall, finish their sprint. They posted the 12th fastest sprint time.

Eight of the top 10 sprint teams also finish in marathon top 10

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Halstead, both of Grayling, placed second in both the Time Trials (5:28.41) and the AuSable Marathon.

Mo Harwood of Grayling and Steve Lajoie of Mirabel, Quebec posted the third best sprint time (5:33.91) and finished fourth in the AuSable Marathon.

Jim Harwood of Grayling and Allen Limberg of Wausau, Wisconsin placed fourth in the sprints for position event (5:37.79) and went on to win the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

John Sullivan and Ted Kolka, both of Grayling, finished fifth in both events and posted a sprint time of 5:44.16.

Other top 10 Time Trials paddling teams that also posted top 10 AuSable Marathon finishes include: Pete Mead and Mitch McMillan (8th in sprints, 10th in the marathon), 5:46.93; Tim Valko and Guy Rousseau (9th, 6th), 5:47.90; Josh Taylor and Jason Hall (10th, 9th), 5:46.47 – finished 11th and 12th in the 2006 AuSable Marathon.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andrew Triebold and Matt Rimer paddle upstream toward the finish line during Time Trials on Friday. Triebold and Rimer posted the fastest sprint time this year.

ishers – Tom Cannon and Matt Streib (6th, 5:44.64) and Bill Torongo and Rick Joy (7th, 5:46.47) – finished 11th and 12th in the 2006 AuSable Marathon.

A complete list of results from this year's Time Trials is available on Page 4B.



Ted Smutek and Colin Hunter compete in Time Trials on Friday. They took 20th at sprints and 16th in the AuSable Marathon.



Josh Sheldon and Brad Gross sprint on Thursday. Sheldon and Gross posted the event's 13th fastest sprint time.

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Garrick R. Cvitkovich, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in General Surgery. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Dr. Cvitkovich completed his general surgery residency and surgical critical care fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. Dr. Cvitkovich will join Mercy Surgical Services and is currently accepting new patients in Grayling and Prudenville.

Mercy Surgical Services
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Grayling

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For additional information, call Physician Referral Service at 1-800-533-5520 or visit mercygrayling.com.



LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE

Laura Smith has retired as Clerk of South Branch Township, after many years of service to the Township. The Board has appointed Lynn George, the Township's former Secretary/Deputy Treasurer, as the new Clerk of South Branch Township, to fulfill the remainder of Ms. Smith's term.

PROPERTY OWNERS
WITHIN 300 FEET
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PU060004 Requesting to amend site plan of special use and build a 40'x 60' pole building to mill lumber and store lumber inside.
Petitioner: John Hartman
10957 Pines Trail Rd.
Roscommon, MI. 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:
11407 Steckert Bridge Rd.
Roscommon, MI. 48653

Property code: 062-032-007-020-00
Legal Description: COM AT NE COR OF SW/4 OF NW/4 SEC 32, T25N, R2W, THW 887.75 FT, TH S 594 FT, TH W 433 FT, TH S 297 FT, TH E 1321.5 FT, TH N 892.9 FT TO POB. BEING PART OF THE SW/4 SEC. 32.
Zoning District: LDR
Township: South Branch

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:
Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

GRAYLING
TOWNSHIP
BOARD
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2006

Members present: Shawn Krayes, Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Henry Carroll, Suzanne Carroll, Dorothy Bassett, Cleo N. Sheldon, Joseph Bilinski, Harold & Lillian Marquardt, Sharon France, Dan Sattler, Deanna Sattler, Roger Buskirk, Paul R. VanMill, Tom Hunt, Ron Herron, Ed Holtcamp.
The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Treasurer's report for June 2006 was distributed and placed on file.
2. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to set the regular 2006-07 meeting dates of the Grayling Township Board for the second Wednesday of each month except August and November when the meeting date will be the second Thursday of the month due to conflict with the primary and general elections. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Motion by Long, second by Krayes to re-appoint Monte Burmeister as Grayling Township Attorney for Fiscal Year 2006-07. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to continue using local financial institutions as depositories for Township funds through fiscal year 2006-07. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to begin the process of advertising for bids for the 2006-07 fiscal year annual audit. All ayes, motion carried. (Mickey C. Perez is the auditor of record for fiscal year 2005-06)
6. Correspondence: (No action required) Recycling Report for June, Bldg. Dept report for June, Thank you from River Festival Parade Committee.
7. Several citizens were present to discuss status of public road ends at Lake Margrethe. In particular personal property, picnic tables, fences, fire pits and docks in the right-of-way of the public

roads ends.

Supervisor stated the Township has primary jurisdiction of the road ends at Lake Margrethe and the Board has taken the position over the years that these public road ends, some undeveloped, will not be abandoned or closed to the public. However, personal property placed on the road ends could become a liability for the Township.

Regarding the private fence in the R.O.W. at Beech Terrace and Maybelle. The property owner is on notice that the fence must be moved. This will be followed up by a letter from Ordinance Enforcement with a date which the fence must be removed.

Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to proceed to the G.T. Planning Commission with a request to study and consider an ordinance to regulate personal property, activities and parking at the public road ends to the waters edge at Lake Margrethe. Prohibit fire pits, fences and unattended personal property. Picnic tables may be allowed. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor noted that the motion does not include docks as they are the responsibility of the MDNR.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 687, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty And 70/100 Dollars (\$154,930.70), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 30, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A; Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Feet 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning. This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

Also Subject to and use of: An 83 Foot Easement for Ingress and Egress, Lying 33 Feet on the Left of Northeastly side

and 50 Feet on the Right or Southwesterly side of a Line described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right-of-Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (Along said Right-of-Way) 105.3 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence South 50 Feet 14 Minutes East 390.18 Feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: July 27, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #099625F01

-27-3-10-17

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna Keene and Debra Keene, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2000, and recorded on December 1, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 531, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 11/100 Dollars (\$64,251.11), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on September 6, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 3, 2006
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #089469F05

-3-10-17-24

STATE OF MICHIGAN
46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CRAWFORD COUNTY
PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF FRIEND OF
THE COURT ANNUAL
STATUTORY REVIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL REVIEW OF
PERFORMANCE RECORD OF THE
FRIEND OF THE COURT

Under Michigan law the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the Friend of the Court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2006. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the Friend of the Court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the Friend of the Court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to:

Patricia A. Morse
800 Livingston Blvd., Ste 1C, Gaylord,
MI 49735-8344

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Volunteers needed at Recycling Center

Grayling Township is looking for people who may wish to volunteer time working at the recycling center on North Down River Road. All hours worked can count towards graduation requirements for students, and will satisfy mandatory community service requirements for persons on court probation.

Volunteers will work with a small team of employees sorting and baling recyclables and waiting on the public when they drop off items to be recycled. Any number of hours per week, from 8-to-48, are available for work.

Grayling Township is dedicated to recycling as an earth-friendly service which saves our natural resources and keeps reusable items out of our landfills. Since 1997, the Grayling Township Recycling Center has sent more than 8-million pounds of recyclable items back to markets for remanufacturing.

Interested persons may contact John Wotring at (89) 348-3195 at the recycling center, or Terry Wright at (989) 348-4361 at Grayling Township.

Primary Election
Notice For Crawford
County Residents

Notice of Primary Election To The Electors Of Crawford County, Michigan To Be Held Tuesday, August 8, 2006 For The Purpose Of Electing Candidates By Republican or Democratic Party Preference And Voting On County and Township Wide Proposals For The Following Offices:

Governor
US Senate
US Congress
State Senate
State Representative
Road Commission
County Commissioner
Lovells Township Trustee
Delegates To The County Convention
County Historical Preservation Proposal

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open At 7:00 A.M. And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

Precincts:

- 101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8992 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon
- 201 Frederic Twp. 7565 Co. Rd 612 (Community Center), Frederic
- 302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling
- 401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic
- 501 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling
- 601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon
- 701 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd , Grayling

Sandra Moore, Clerk County

Grayling Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
to meet

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, August 21, 2006, at 7 p.m., in the town hall to hear the following requests:

Case # 06-14

Petitioner: Frank R. Janca, III
Address: 504 E. Midland St.
Bay City, MI 48706
Local Address: 3474 Twin Pine Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Prop. ID# 040-40-003-03-020-00
Location: T26N, R2W, Sec. 3-
Lot size: 70 + acres
Zoning: Natural River district (NRD)

Request: Replace a historical lodge recently destroyed by lightning and fire using the same footprint, with a 564-square foot addition on the north side (rear) of the building. The total square footage will be approximately 1,700-square feet. The closest point of construction to the mainstream of the AuSable River will be 55 -feet, 9-inches, including a 7-foot, 9 -inch rise in bank, necessitating a front setback variance of 144-feet, 3-inches.

Case # 06-15

Petitioner: Robert G. Hritz
Address: 1758 W. Nighthawk Ln.
Grayling, MI 49738
Local Address: Same
Prop. ID# 040-41-011-09-040-00
Location: T26N, R3W, Sec. 11
Parcel size: 2.1 acres
Zoning: Natural River District (NRD)

Request: Enclose an existing 10-foot by 12-foot porch on rear of home. Closest point of construction to the mainstream of the AuSable River will be 90 -feet, necessitating a 110-foot front setback variance.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to these requests may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linette Rochette, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successor and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2005 and recorded June 10, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 885, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Sixty-Seven and 01/100 Dollars (\$94,067.01) including interest at 5.63% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made as provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 6, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.97 feet along the East line of said Section 2 and the center line of King Road; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 915.50 feet along the one-eighth line of said Section 2 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 374.57 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East 691.81 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 54 seconds East 374.66 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds West 691.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.

Subject to and together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities being 33.0 feet each side of the following described centerline; commencing at the East one-quarter of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West 625.60 feet along the East line of Section 2 and the Center line of King Road to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 55 seconds West 650.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 54 seconds West 639.66 feet; thence South 83 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds West 391.64 feet; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes 37 seconds West 270.88 feet to the center of a 60 foot radius Cul-De-Sac and the point of ending.

The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: August 3, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 362.04340
-3-10-17-24-31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact the office below if you are in active military service.

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by AUSABLE VALLEY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC, by ROBERT L. BUTLER and GLEN R. CARLSON, members, Mortgagors, to First Federal of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee, dated the 5th day of June, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of June, 2003, in Liber 638 of County Records, pages 118-123, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Seven and 51/100 Dollars (\$60,107.51). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, 2006, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance, Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, the being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 10.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of

Crawford, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 6, of PORTAGE HEIGHTS, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

MORTGAGEE:

FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN
100 S. Second Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707

Dated: June 30, 2006

Keith Wallace, P21932
Isackson & Wallace, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee, First Federal of Northern Michigan
114 S. Second Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707

-27-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Karen Janisse, a single woman, Mortgagor, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 9th day of January, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of January, 2003 in Liber 616 of Crawford County Records, page 508, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty & 96/100 (\$53,380.96), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of September, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 411 and 412, Indian Glens of the Ausable No. 6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in liber 4 of plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/3/2006
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for North Central Area Credit Union
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600

-3-10-17-24

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are

in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$70,799.23) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 210 Rolla Street, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JULY 26, 2006 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 06-51962

-3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny G. Bumbalough, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lender and Lender's successor's and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 2006, and recorded on January 10, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 385, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three And 49/100 Dollars (\$157,193.49), including interest at 9.475% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 30, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: July 27, 2006

For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #099234F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John D. Kidd, a married man and Denise M. Kidd, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 12, 2004, and recorded on December 8, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 811, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three And 44/100 Dollars (\$75,293.44), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 16, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 455, Indian Glens of the Ausable Unit 6, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 13, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #097988F01

-13-20-27-3

MORTGAGE SALE

*THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Default having been made for more than thirty (30) days and the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Ronald D. White, Sr., an individual, to Northpointe Bank, 770 Kenmoor, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mortgagee, dated the 7th day of August 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 11th day of September 2002 in Liber 595 on Page 441 Crawford County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$33,039.83 and an attorneys fee as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the money as secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof and the entire sum claimed due is, as of the date hereof, fully due and payable.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 6th of September 2006, at 10:00 a.m., local time, the undersigned will, immediately inside the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, (that being the place for the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage for so much thereof which may be necessary to pay the amount due on said Mortgage.

with 12.95 percent interest and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, together with said attorneys fee, and also any sum or sums which may be paid and are by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which premises are described as follows, to-wit:

The land referred to in this commitment is situated in the Township of Maple Forest, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and described as follows:

Parcel "B": Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence North 89°03'50" West along Section line, 659.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00°05'15" East, 445.25 feet; thence North 86°50'34" West, 330.5 feet; thence North 00°03'10" West, 432.44 feet; thence South 89°03'50" East along Section line, 329.75 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 2657 Krause Road, Frederick, MI 49733
Tax ID: 020-003-005-025-00

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed except in the event the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA §600.3241(a), in which case the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Date: July 26, 2006
NORTHPOINTE BANK MORTGAGEE
BY: RHOADES MCKEE
David E. Bevins (P48955)
161 Ottawa, N.W., Ste. 600
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-235-3500

-3-10-17-24

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Special Board Meeting
Minutes Regarding
Secretary/Receptionist
July 25, 2006
UNAPPROVED

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, with reciting of Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Kozlowski, Musselman, Janisse, Luck, and George.
No public comment.

1. Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, that a job description and list of duties be created by the Clerk, for the position of Secretary/Receptionist. The position will be 20 hrs per week, at \$8.34 per hr. Ad to be placed immediately to fill the position. All ayes; passed.

2. Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, that the Township Treasurer and Clerk coordinate an audit, to be conducted by accounting firm previously used by Township. All ayes; passed.

3. Motion made by Janisse, seconded by Musselman, that a key to the Township Hall will be issued to the Fire Chief, and a key for the Fire Chief's office will be issued to the Supervisor. All ayes; passed.
Note: Previously scheduled Special Meeting regarding Clerk's duties scheduled for July 25, 2006 was cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

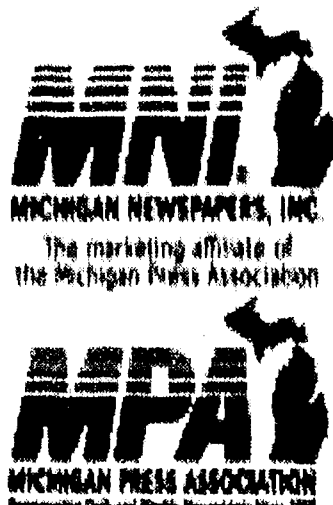
Date: July 21, 2006

TO ALL CREDITORS: Michael J. Smith, Trustee of the Edith Ruth Smith Trust, U/T/D June 4, 1993, hereby gives notice that the settlor of the above-referenced trust, Edith Ruth Smith, whose date of birth was January 10, 1920, and who lived at 120 North Roberts Road, Grayling, MI 49738, died July 11, 2006.

Creditors of Edith Ruth Smith or the Trust are notified that all claims against the estate or Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Michael J. Smith, Trustee of the Edith Ruth Smith Trust, U/T/D June 4, 1993, c/o Timothy J. Chlo, Bowerman, Bowden & Moothart, P.C., attorneys for Michael J. Smith, Trustee of the Edith Ruth Smith Trust, U/T/D June 4, 1993, 620-A Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49686, within (4) months after August 3, 2006, the date of publication of this notice.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
August 4, 1983

Nearly 250 boys and girls tried their hand at catching 400 fish bought by the Grayling Booster Club, at the Grayling City Park. At least 75 of the trout were hooked during the two hours of fun run held by the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival Committee.

Sherry Hanson has been named Citizen of the Year in Grayling for 1983. The Selection Committee named Mrs. Hanson in a unanimous ballot for the many outstanding projects she has headed or contributed to in the area.

A multi-million dollar construction contract has been awarded by Shell Oil Company to build a new oil and gas central production facility north of Frederic.

Butch Stockton, of Higgins Lake, and his nephew Brett Stockton, of Grayling, overcame the elements and 20 other professional teams to post their second win in a row at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The Stockton's finished in 14 hours, 38 minutes, and 36 seconds, the third fastest marathon ever, despite paddling in shallow water, getting lost in the fog near Alcona Dam, and battling the hot sun the last four hours of the 240 mile race.

The Annual Grayling Art Show will be held on Aug. 6, in the front of Grayling State Bank.

The old toast "Here's mud in

your eye" will come true when a group of grapplers, both male and females, come together for the first annual Milltown Festival Mud Wrestling Contest.

Hanson Park will sponsor a Bluegrass Festival as part of their continuing effort to generate much needed funds to continue the growth of the park as a community year-round recreational facility.

Joel Kolka, teaming this year with Mick Lovely, won the 15-17 age division in the kid's version of the AuSable Canoe Marathon for the second year in a row.

46 Years Ago
August 4, 1960

It was "Crazy Hat Day" for the Grayling Country Club Auxiliary on July 27. The event was judged by Dorothy Stillwagon, Mo McNamara, and Catherine Stewart. It was a difficult decision among the exotic creations and a first place tie was awarded to Jeanette Henig and Eunice Slusser.

Karen Knudsen, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold V. Knudsen, of Grayling, has been granted a \$200 Lutheran Youth Leadership Award by the Lutheran Brotherhood. Karen was the valedictorian of the 1960 Grayling High School graduating class, and she will attend Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eleven boys of Den 1 Cub

Scouts enjoyed a camp out at over the weekend at Hartwick Pines, with Den Leader Mrs. Harry McEvers. The weather was chilly of course, but they still made out well in spite of it. Those taking part were: David and Bobby Cinciala, Mike Worden, Mike McEvers, Den Chief Peter Funck, Kerry Jorgenson, Billy Gould, Steve LaGrow, Tom Douglas, Pat Callahan and Phillip Stencil.

Chamber of Commerce Minutes from July 14, 1960: Members present: Jansen, Rochette, Bond, Johnson, Latuszek, Wood, DuBois, and Schulze. Frank Bond called for a consolidation of ideas for the new highway signs. He explained to the Board that the Business Association had some tentative plans. He also offered to contact Bruce Carlson regarding the use of land near the town loop for erection of signs representing our business. Motion by Rochette and second by Wood that the Chamber endorse and encourage the use of the slogan that Grayling is the "Archery Capitol of the World." All Ayes.

69 Years Ago
August 5, 1937

The event of the Canoe Carnival will take place Saturday and Sunday, and is being broadcasted over four leading broadcasting stations this week. The trip will be from Grayling to Wakeley Bridge, where cars will await voyagers for the return trip to Grayling.

Miss Beverly Schaible is assist-

ing in the John Bruun office while Miss Olga Nielson is away on her annual vacation.

Two fish on one bait is what Jappe Smith says happened to him. Fishing with a long bamboo pole a large pike struck the bait and immediately started on a bee line for the boat, faster than the line could be hauled in. With mouth and gills open the bait apparently slipped through the gills and was trailing behind. Before landing the 25 inch pike, another smaller pike took the bait, and both were hauled into the boat.

Mr. Carl Johnson of Frederic is taking orders in Wisconsin for the Souvenir Works. An amusing feature of his work is that the first time he went through Wisconsin he could not get any of his mail whatsoever because of the great number of Carl Johnson's among the Scandinavian population there. Since that time he has been AuSable Johnson when on his trips; even all the way from Minnesota to Maine, but at home he is still plain Carl.

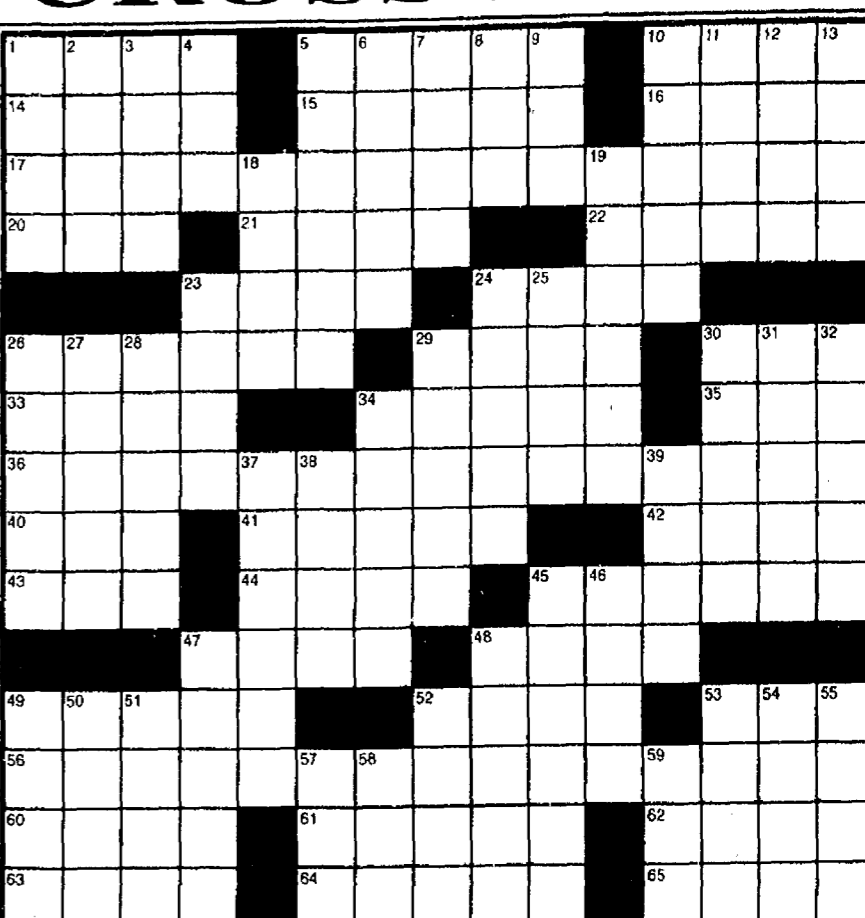
92 Years Ago
August 6, 1914

This year's encampment of the National Guard has been officially named Camp Ferris in honor of Governor Ferris.

The Model Bakery is now turning out 2,400 loaves of bread and 200 pies, besides quantities of cakes and cookies every 24 hours.

The new lawn seats at the court yard have been installed and are being pretty well occupied.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Uses all out to supplement with great effort.
 - Woman about to get married.
 - Of the wing.
 - Two identical numbered cubes.
 - Pertaining to the moon.
 - Private area in a theater where a small group can watch the performance.
 - Thickening and hardening of the artery walls by one of several diseases.
 - Performing arts venue in Bury, Greater Manchester.
 - Try detectable amount.
 - Conserving.
 - Comes to a finish.
 - Boundary lines.
 - Compact, sturdy and relatively thick in build.
 - Father of Mendem.
 - Opening between two sandbanks.
 - Narrow port in rink, flanked by the stones of previous players.
 - Go beyond.
 - Nicholas, actor.
 - Lack of understanding.
 - Round, green seed that grows in a pod.
 - Another name a person is known as.
 - Establishments for travellers.
 - Acronym for Enterprise Asset Management.
 - Funeral lament sung with loud wailing.
 - Gesture of respectful greeting from women.
 - Not simulated.
 - Large, flat, dark area on the moon.
 - Common cord type consisting of three pitches built on alternative scale tones of a major scale.
 - Small lake in high mountains.
 - Seed of the cereal grass.
 - Writer of history.
 - Land measurement of 43,560 square feet.
 - Acute viral disease marked by inflammation of nerve cells of the brain stem and spinal cord.
 - Acronym for Emergency Airfield Landing System.
 - Open fabrics of string woven together at regular intervals.
 - 1978 film starring Anthony Hopkins.
 - Used with "more" or "less" to compare numbers.
 - Tony, bluegrass guitarist.
 - Acronym for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Targeting.
 - Sound of a large bell rung slowly at regular intervals.
 - Acronym for Ranch Horse Association of America.
 - Bark in a high-pitched tone.
 - Irish language.
 - Rate of Revolution of a motor.
 - Written statement of a borrower's obligation to pay a debt.
 - Son of Primus, the main protagonist on the TV series The Pirates of Dark Water.
- Down
- Mild, yellow Dutch cheese made in balls encased in a red covering.
 - Playing lawn in the wind.
 - Not counterfeit.
 - Cross-reference in a library catalog directing the user from an equivalent term to the preferred term.
 - Expressing annoyance as an intensifier.
 - Causes to deteriorate due to the action of water, air or acid.
 - Member of the group of Quechuan peoples of highland Peru.
 - Dried legume-like lentils.
 - Plough.
 - Album by Modern Talking.
 - Allow to go out of sight.
 - Variant of "against."
 - Pause for relaxation.
 - Iced area inside the boards on which the game of hockey is played.
 - Food allowance for one day.
 - Nymph who pined away for the love of Narcissus until nothing was left but her voice.
 - Group of related sciences dealing with the logic of quantity and shape and arrangement.
 - Where two things meet.
 - Make off with other's belongings.
 - Genus of small Lepidoptera.
 - William of, philosopher.
 - Unmarried woman.
 - Momentary flash of light.
 - Longest divisions of geologic time.
 - Common anemone Old World herb with bitter tasting, finely divided leaves.
 - Small room with a polygonal bay window.
 - Come to terms with successfully.
 - Delendant's formal answer to criminal charges.
 - Title used for a king by close confidants.
 - Something promised as an incentive.
 - 31st characteristic of Buddha.
 - Charges per unit.
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Cooper

is a 2 - 3 month old gray shorthaired kitten. He is very cute and playful. This little boy would make a great family pet. Cooper has 4 other brothers and sisters waiting for homes and looking for love.

Your donation to the "Gimme Shelter \$10k Challenge" will be matched up to \$10,000! Help build a new shelter today!

Maya

is a beautiful 1 year old Husky mix. She is active, affectionate and good with other dogs. She will require a little training but has a wonderful personality. Maya is at the shelter waiting for a family and a forever home.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling.

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

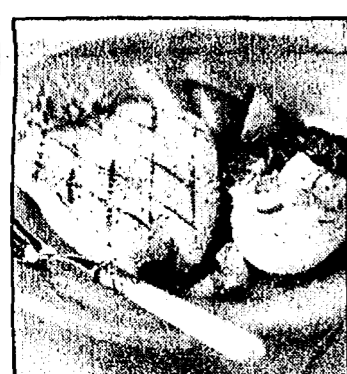
Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip. Inches
7/26	83	61	0.16
7/27	76	64	0.85
7/28	83	60	0
7/29	88	61	0
7/30	85	63	0
7/31	85	64	0
8/1	96	64	0

Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 79	High 81	High 84	High 83	High 81	High 78
Low 57	Low 58	Low 60	Low 59	Low 58	Low 57
AM Showers	Sunny	Sunny	Isolated T-Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Grilled Halibut with Sweet and Spicy Pear Salsa

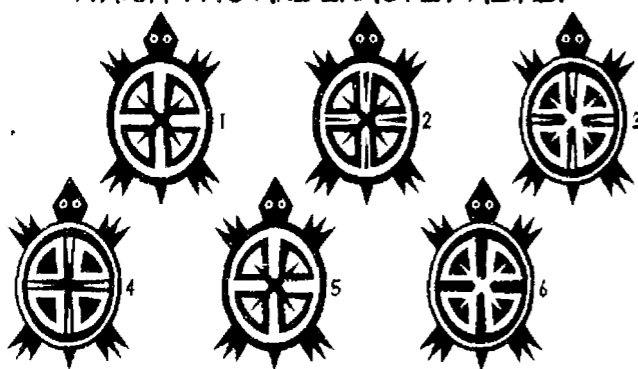
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| 2 | cans (15 oz. each) pear halves, drained | 2 | tablespoons sliced radishes |
| 1/2 | cup mango chutney | 1/4 | teaspoon ground cumin |
| 2 | tablespoons chopped fresh parsley | 6 | Red cayenne pepper, to taste |
| 2 | tablespoons thinly sliced green onions | 6 | halibut steaks, 6 to 8 ounces each |
| | | 2 | tablespoons olive oil |
| | | 2 | tablespoons lemon pepper |

Set aside 6 pear halves. Dice remaining pear halves. In small bowl, mix diced pears with chutney, parsley, green onions, radishes, cumin and cayenne pepper; set aside. Brush halibut steaks on both sides with olive oil. Sprinkle with lemon pepper. Grill or pan-fry halibut, cooking 3 to 5 minutes on each side or until fish just flakes when tested with a fork. To serve, place halibut on serving plate. Arrange pear half next to fish. Top with pear-chutney mixture. Serves 6



FIND THE TWINS

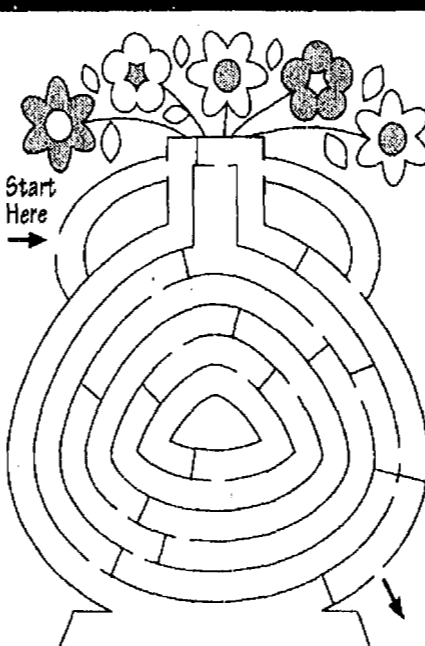
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Dachshunds were originally bred in 1600 to hunt dachs which is German for badgers.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of August 3, 2006



Capricorn
December 22- January 19

Feeling listless, Capricorn? That's about to change as a blast from the past comes barreling into town. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to party!



Aries
March 21- April 19

You're about to take a journey into the unknown. Relax, Aries. You'll emerge unscathed and eager to do it again. A houseguest gives you something to think about.



Cancer
June 22- July 22

The week brings plenty of merrymaking. Don't exclude yourself, Cancer, or you'll miss out on some wonderful memories. A last-minute trip caps off the end to a good week.



Libra
September 23- October 22

Oh, brother, Libra. A young friend is up to their old tricks again and you've had your fill of it. Time to get serious and involve their parents. You can't do this one alone.



Aquarius
January 20- February 18

Life is as good as it gets. Everything you touch is golden, except for that little matter that you've been ducking for weeks. Make a plan of attack and be persistent, Aquarius.



Taurus
April 20- May 20

Superhero you are not, Taurus. Keep trying to do too many things at once and you will suffer. A relative's financial situation finally improves. Buy them a little something to celebrate.



Leo
July 23- August 22

You can't play dodge ball with a pesky acquaintance any more. Answer the phone for a change and find out what they want. It may not be as bad as you think, Leo.



Scorpio
October 23- November 21

A positive thinker you may be, Scorpio, but that doesn't mean you should put all of your eggs into one basket. Be wise. A budget matter could use some work.



Pisces
February 19- March 20

For goodness sake, Pisces. If a relative asks for your opinion, the least you can do is be honest. Stop beating around the bush and tell them what you think.



Gemini
May 21- June 21

The week plays out with one activity after another. Run with it, Gemini, and relax when you can. A little reward comes your way just when you need it.



Virgo
August 23- September 22

You're on edge and you don't know why, Virgo. Rather than waste precious time figuring it out, direct your attention to a home improvement project and watch your mood improve.



Sagittarius
November 22- December 21

Feeling unappreciated, Sagittarius? Do something out of the ordinary to get your family's attention and remind them how valuable you are. A gift gamers great applause.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06t/1)



3 Bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, paved drive, fenced yard, and a 26 x 28 garage. The location is fantastic, in the city limits, walking distance to the hospital, schools and shopping. **\$78,000 #5664**



Century 21
River Country Real Estate
5688 M-72 West, Grayling
(989) 390-2888 & (989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM 2 bath mobile, \$8,000/OBO. Appliances and furniture included. Call (989) 710-1302. (-3/1)

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

SECLUDED 2 BEDROOM CHALET with spacious loft, 5 acres hardwoods, huge 2 story garage. Near AuSable main stream, 7 miles east of Grayling. Must sell, \$119,000. 989-390-4047. (LR8/17/06/1)



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501 North James Street.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-7500 (Phone)
866-948-7500 (Toll Free)
989-348-7575 (Fax)

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE Moving north and looking for some peace and quiet? You found it. Over 175 feet of AuSable River frontage, and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 sq. ft. wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 sq. ft. brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, located on the East Branch of the famed AuSable River, only 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, natural gas log fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course. \$235,500. Make me an offer. Drive by at 4875 Warner Drive for a look then call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (6/22/06t/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

CABIN AND 2.78 ACRES for sale, 10 miles east of Grayling on M-72. 517-439-9747. (-2/3/1)

1. Real Estate

LOG HOME SHELL 1,500 sq. ft., finished to your liking, on 6+ acres, plus mobile home, 24 x 40 garage, horse corrals, privacy fence. 2 homes for one great price, \$99,900. Call Pete Kocenas at Century 21 River Country. 989-348-8627. (7/20/06t/1)

3 BEDROOMS 2 full baths, ranch style home. 2300 sq. ft. with open floor plan. Includes sunroom, finished basement, large deck, nice lawn with underground sprinklers. 10 minutes from town on 10.97 acres. \$189,900. 989-350-6001. (-2/3/1)

GREAT HOME FOR SALE on Michigan Avenue, just blocks from schools and library. Nice corner lot with beautiful gardens. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, nice large kitchen, great modern appliances, ceiling fans in every room, ceramic tile. If your a hairdresser, you could have a small shop already established for you. Any other one-room business would work also. This is a great home, ready to move in. Come see. Open house Mon. & Tue., 11 - 3 and Thurs. & Fri., 11 - 3. 713 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. 348-2741. (-3/1)

FREE first 3 months, mobile home lot. Relocate your mobile home. 2.5 acres located on M-72 near Burtons Landing. 14 x 65 concrete slab with utility hook up. \$300 per month. 877-365-2006. (LR8/31/06/1)

FOR SALE mobile home, Detroit, 14 x 65, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, suitable for hunting cabin, rebuilt furnace. \$300/OBO. 877-365-2006. (LR8/31/06/1)

2. For Rent

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03t/2)

4 RENT OR SALE mobile homes, \$450 and up, or \$2,000 and up. 348-5278. (3/16/06t/2)

RAYNE FOREST RENTALS 1 and 2 bedroom duplexes, \$500 per month. 348-5230. (3/30/06t/2)

2 BEDROOM/1 BATH HOUSE Non-smoking, no pets. Clean, washer/dryer hookup. 989-348-0151. (8/3/06t/2)

NEWER, CLEAN 3 bedroom ranch, natural gas, good neighborhood, 1 1/2 baths, garage, non-smoking, \$695. 1056 Little John Ave. 348-2178. (7/13/06t/2)

UPPER UNIT in duplex apartment for rent. 2 bedroom, newly decorated with stove and refrigerator for \$455 per month, plus security deposit at time of occupying. Water/sewage, electricity and garbage pick up included. References important. Call 989-348-7541 evenings or leave a message. (7/13/06t/2)

1 BEDROOM IN TOWN on AuSable, \$390, plus utilities. 231-599-2895. (7/13/06t/2)

2. For Rent

VACATION COTTAGE near Lake Margrethe, fully furnished, very nice, non smoking, nightly or weekly. 348-7873. 348-7873. (7/20/06t/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice 2 bedroom. 2 bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pick-up included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson at, 989-348-9456, for more information. (7/6/06t/2)

VACATION CABIN completely furnished on river, nightly, weekly, or monthly. Call 348-8350. (7/13/06t/2)

LOWER UNIT in duplex apartment for rent. 1 bedroom with stove and refrigerator for \$435 per month, plus security deposit at time of occupying. Water/sewage, electricity and garbage pick up included. Washer/dryer hook up. References important. Call 989-348-7541 evenings or leave a message. (-7/13/06t/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located in town, \$550 per month. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-2/3/2)



CRAIG HINKLE
Broker/Owner
State Licensed Appraiser



RE/MAX
of Grayling

5728 M-72 West
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CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
Limited Real Estate Appraiser
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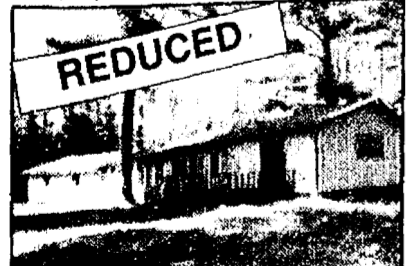
Selling a home shouldn't be that much work



NEW LISTING
HARBOR BEACH ASSOCIATION "LAKE MARGRETHE" FINEST AMENITIES. Sandy Beach shared frontage. Private canal with assigned boat slip. Adjoins private park with path to boat. Black top streets, private picnic and water side beach with volleyball court. CH-2377 \$275,000



NEW LISTING
165' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER. Exceptional views of the Manistee River and backing up to State land! Immaculate condition 1,780 S.F., 3 bedrooms, and one bath (purchased for 2nd). Family room with bay window and sliding glass door onto 18 x 48 waterside dock. Knotty pine 18g ceiling and Anderson windows throughout. 20 x 22 garage and 30 x 40 heated & insulated pole barn. Property features riverside fire pit, island in river, walkways, sprinkling system and shelter building for boatwood. CH-2376 \$259,000



REDUCED
165' FRONTAGE ON THE AU SABLE RIVER 218' Frontage across river. Priced below appraised value! Secluded 5 acres with frontage on each side of the AuSable river. 1,464 s.f. ranch home over looking a valley with beautiful mature pines. 3 B/R, 1 bath, full partially finished basement, and large heated sunroom. 24 x 36 attached garage and 12 x 16 storage shed. CH-2323 \$129,900



SECLUDED TRIPLE CORNER LOT CLOSE TO TOWN! Quality built cedar chalet. Mature red & white pine, and Maple Trees. 1,745 s.f. with open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, brick fireplace w/insert, family room with door wall onto rear deck and patio. 28 x 32 garage with heated work shop, circular blacktop drive, and fenced back yard. CH-2324 \$148,000

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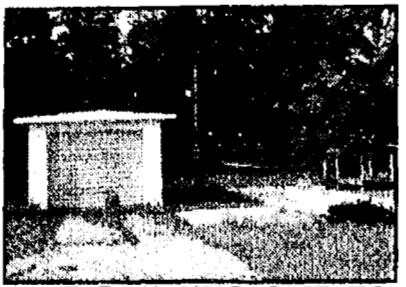
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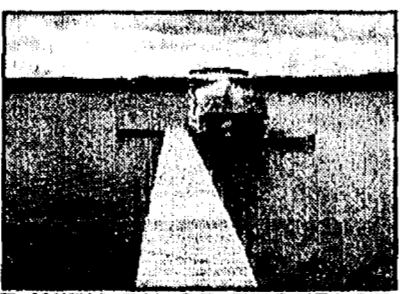
2.7 ACRES ADJOINING 120 ACRES TO THE EAST. SECLUDED SETTING! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offering open floor plan. New roof and new well. New vinyl windows. Great recreational property for snowmobiling. Close to Higgins Lake. CS-2370 \$76,000



NEWLY REMODELED HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room, nice back yard with over 1/2 acre. New carpet, dry-wall and paint. New roof. Garage. Very Nice. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2313 \$89,500



NICE BUILDING SITE TO PUT YOUR HOME ON WITH WELL AND SEPTIC. Grayling Mobile Estates. CS-2351 \$10,000



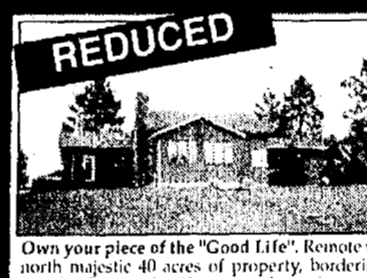
SECLUDED LOG COTTAGE WITH 50' OF FRONTAGE ON LAKE MARGRETHE! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with 2075 sq. ft., is tastefully decorated and ready to move into. Great room and dining room offer impressive stone fireplace from floor to ceiling. Cathedral ceilings. Quality throughout. Beautiful views. CS-2341 \$429,000

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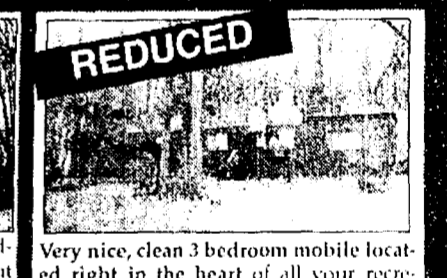
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REDUCED
Hill top setting awaits you! This 3 bedroom and 1 3/4 bath home with a walkout foundation features 2 brick fireplaces, winding staircase, 2 car garage, covered porch and lots of potential on 5.56 acres. Ideal location for primary residence or recreational retreat. \$129,900 #5634



REDUCED
Very nice, clean 3 bedroom mobile located right in the heart of all your recreational needs. Home features large slick built main bedroom addition, a new septic in 2004. County maintained paved road, AuSable Woods association amenities. \$39,900 #5679



Wow! 20 Acres and a 2 bedroom 1 bath home. Home is in move in condition. It is located off an asphalt County Maintained Road + plus it has a 2 car garage. This is a great deal!! \$109,900 #5533



Nice, Neat and Clean two bedroom, one bath home situated on 3/4 of an acre on a paved, county maintained road. Home features a brick fireplace with woodstove insert and 1 1/2 car garage. Conveniently located just a short walk from famed AuSable River. Priced to sell only \$67,000 #5671



Beautiful wooded lot with 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Lots of windows and an open floor plan really make this place shine. Extra family room in basement plus a 1 car garage. Minutes from Higgins Lake and Higgins Lake State Park. \$85,000 #5674



With 2,600 sq.ft., this is the perfect home for an active growing family. Nicely situated on a large corner lot; this home offers 5 bedrooms, 3 baths and an above ground swimming pool surrounded by decking. 900 sq. ft. pole barn and storage building. Home warranty included! #5639 \$167,500



Sparkling 3 bedroom 2 bath home in Sherwood Forest. Natural gas hot water heat/central air/4" well/coveered porch/3 season room/ shed and finished attached garage all just 10 years old. #5681 \$98,000



COMMERCIAL
Commercial/retail building with large paved off street parking. Centrally located on a busy main thoroughfare close to downtown. Building features 4,000 square feet in two separate areas. Conductive to many types of retail or commercial enterprises. \$189,900 #5590

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2. For rent

2 BEDROOM HOUSE in country, 8 miles south of Grayling. \$500, plus security deposit and references. 989-329-4826. (LR8/10/06/2)

BEDROOM FOR RENT Enjoy peace and quiet in this AuSable River home, surrounded by woods and wildlife, one mile from Grayling. \$325 a month. All utilities are free, including phone, electricity, cable TV and more. 348-2083. (7/20/06t/2)

NICE, CLEAN 2 bedroom home close to town, well insulated. No pets. \$500 rent, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (7/27/06t/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom apartment located in town. \$450 per month, utilities included. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-27-3/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE with attached garage on 2 1/2 acres on the mainstream AuSable River off Ole Dam Rd. Available early September. Accepting applications, \$625, utilities, plus deposit. 989-344-9038. (-3/2)

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3. Employment

2. For rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad with application and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (-27-3/2)

3. Employment

NURSE'S AIDE The Brook Retirement Community, Roscommon, caregiver for assisted living residents. Average 30 hours week, days/afternoons. Competitive pay, benefits. Stop in between 9 am - 3 pm, 195 State Street, Roscommon. Deadline August 6, 2006. (-27-3/3)

OPHTHALMOLOGY OFFICE SEEKING a full-time receptionist for our Grayling office. Applicants with medical experience helpful, but will train the right individual. Send resume to: PO Box 1665, Gaylord, MI 49734. Or fax to: 989-732-1102. (-3/3)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (LR8/31/06/3)

HELP WANTED Wrecker driver. Chauffeurs and medical card needed. 989-348-6288. (-27-3/3)

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EARN EXTRA INCOME from home. Internet based. Visit our web at www.ihaveaplan.com/4freedom. (LR9/21/06/3)

COMPUTER WHIZ NEEDED part-time. Up date website, program adjustment, etc. Call Ernie at 989-348-4006. (-27-3/3)

DRIVERS WANTED Earn tax free income by transporting people to medical appointments in your community. Drivers are required to have a 1996 or newer 4-door car/van and must have an excellent driving record. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and wait time with potential earnings of \$150 - \$350 per week. Semi-retired, retired people welcome to apply. Call 989-738-8671. (LR8/17/06/3)

GENERAL LABORERS NEEDED for stacking and sorting products in the Grayling area. First and second shift positions available. Possible full-time opportunity. Call 989-705-2120 to schedule appointment. EOE. (-27-3/3)

LEELIN Home Health Care, Inc. is accepting applications for home health aides in Grayling and surrounding areas. If interested in being part of our rewarding team, contact us at our corporate office to schedule an interview, 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm. EOE. (-27-3/3)

OFFICE HELP part-time or on consulting basis. Familiar with Peachtree Accounting System. Nu Craft in Roscommon. 989-275-8054. (-3-10/3)

EXPERIENCED LOAN OFFICER wanted for Houghton Lake Mortgage Company. 100% commission plus benefits. Fax resume to 586-778-8424. (-3-10-17/3)

GRAYLING AREA manufacturing plant looking for part-time office help. Wage commensurate with prior office experience. Reply to: P.O. Box 669, Grayling, MI 49738. (-3-10/3)

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL SALES local territory. E-mail: janelle@acemedical.net (-3/3)

3. Employment

CRAWFORD COUNTY MSU Extension Program Associate. Parenting instructor for Building Strong Families program. 90% full-time, full MSU benefits. Potential for full-time. Teaching parenting skills to limited-resource parents with children 0-3 years, mostly home visiting. Associates degree preferred, experience with early childhood development, ability to teach at risk adults, good oral and written communication skills. Training provided. Valid drivers' license and car. Position is housed in the Crawford County MSU Extension office and will serve Crawford and Roscommon counties. Send resume and letter of interest to: Building Strong Families Program, Crawford MSU Extension, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for application is August 18, 2006. A more detailed job description is available upon request by contacting us at (989) 344-3264. (-3/3)

MDS COORDINATOR Hilltop Manor Healthcare has an opening for an MDS Coordinator. Candidate must have a current R.N. license. Knowledge of regulatory compliance and strong organizational skills needed. Please apply to: Hilltop Manor Healthcare, 1290 E. Michigan Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653. (-3-10/3)

4. Services Offered

ROOFING ROOFING ROOFING all shingle, tear off, or new construction. 20 years experience. Call Scott for free estimate. 348-5817, 390-1526. (LR8/31/06/4)

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Yard work, landscaping, raking, mowing, window washing, painting, detailing, washing, waxing, cars, trucks, vans. Will make them sparkle inside, and shine outside. 348-5081. (LR8/31/06/4)

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DRIVER'S EDUCATION Segment 1, 2, automobile and motorcycle road testing available from the Grayling Driver's Training School. 348-8838. Classes, August 10, September 11. Best rates. (LR8/3/06/4)

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SEAMS LIKE HOME Get your patches and name tags sewn on your uniforms. Any kind of uniform. Military, VFW, Fire Dept., Police Dept. Call 348-7220. Hours: M - W, 5 pm to 9 pm. Fri., 9 am to 5 pm. Take a chance Saturday. (LR8/3/06/4)

RELIABLE COLLEGE STUDENT looking for work, will babysit, clean houses, dog or cat sitting. 348-7539, ask for Beth. (-3/4)

NEED HELP doing domestic chores? Fixing meals? Or going out? Then I'm the gal for you. Call me, Sandy, at (989) 344-0299. (-3/4)

5. For Sale

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warran Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR8/31/06/5)

1995 ROCKWOOD pop-up camper, sleeps 6, excellent condition. \$2,000 348-7850. (-3/5)

1968 LAYTON TRAVEL TRAILER 20 ft., must sell, \$400. 586-531-2663, 586-949-5407. (-27-3/5)

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HUNTING-FISHING-CAMPING SPECIAL 1977 Rockwood class C motor home. Rebuilt engine has 26,000 miles, interior nicely redecorated, spare tire, extras. Must see to fully appreciate. \$3,000/OBO. 772-285-6635. (-20-27-3/5)

XR 250 R HONDA 2004 Great trail bike, already ported with over-size cam and uncorked. \$2,500 or best. (LR8/17/06/5)

KENMORE washer & dryer, \$100/OBO. Children's swing set, good shape. 989-348-3022. (-3-10/5)

HARDWOOD FOR SALE cords and campfire. 1982 Yamaha 650 Special, low miles. 989-344-0428. (-3-10sgf/5)

14" "SUNFISH" fiberglass sailboat, \$295/OBO. 989-925-2171. (-3/5)

AKC BEAGLE PUPS large breed, from champion NRHA stock, excellent hunters, field triers, and affectionate pets, \$225. 231-946-0055. (-3/5)

1993 COACHMAN travel trailer, 25', excellent condition, loaded, \$5,600. 989-659-2669, leave message, will return your call. (-3/5)

NEW CUSTOM BUILT AuSable Riverboat with trailer. A must see. \$6,500. 348-5366. (-3/5)

REFRIGERATORS, DRYERS and ranges, several to choose from. All are warranted. P & C Appliance Service. 348-0167. (-3-10-17/5)

85 CREST PONTOON 25', 45 Mercury, needs a little TLC, \$1,950. (989) 348-8090 or (989) 348-5114. (-3/5)

TWO 1996 40' SNORKLE 4 wheel drive scissor lifts. Runs but needs work. \$1,500 each. 348-3302. (-3-10/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse or Habitant cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06t/6)

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5. For Sale

Notice

South Branch Township is looking to hire a part time Secretary/Receptionist. A job description and application are available at the Township Hall, located at 5245 N M-18, from 9:00-12:00, Monday-Friday. Application and resume must be returned, by mail or in person, to the Township Hall by 12 Noon on August 7, 2006.

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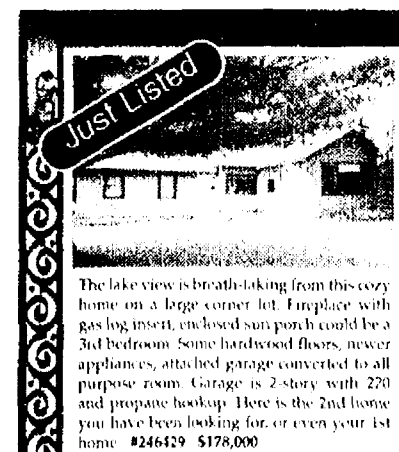
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The lake view is breathtaking from this cozy home on a large corner lot. Fireplace with gas log insert, enclosed sun porch could be a 3rd bedroom. Some hardwood floors, newer appliances, attached garage converted to all purpose room. Garage is 2 story with 220 and propane hookup. Here is the 2nd home you have been looking for, or even your 1st home. \$246,429 \$178,000



Large home with 4 bedrooms. Brand new kitchen with maple cabinets, breakfast bar, new dishwasher, microwave, stove and basement is all new in the last 2 years. Deck with built in BBQ, workshop and office in basement. Nice wooded lot in a good neighborhood. \$245,136 \$134,900

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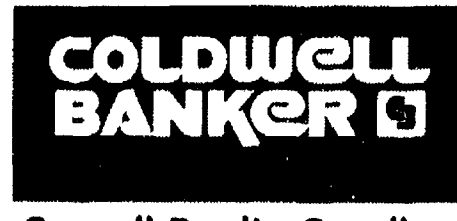
Cute and comfortable home with woods on 3 sides. Newer kitchen cabinets and all newer appliances, carpet, drywall, electric, plumbing, heating and vinyl. Is last house on dead-end road. Deck outside kit with doorwall & cement patio. Garage has doors at both ends with circle drive. \$242,288 \$134,500



Extremely well cared for large five bedroom home has much to offer, including a large family room which was added to home along with 2 bedrooms in 2001. Freshly painted, Master Suite with walk-in closet, 2 large decks, vinyl siding, landscaped with a sprinkler system, ready to move into. \$243,741 \$179,900



Nice 2 bedroom home or cabin for enjoying northern Michigan. Near lakes, trails, and more with easy access to I-75. Large Pole Building/garage for storing the toys, enclosed front porch for enjoying quiet summer evenings. \$243,632 \$277,000



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7. Miscellaneous

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LOST CAR KEYS in Grayling. Cougar key ring. Call Kalkaska number 231-258-2863. (-3/7)

STILL MISSING Ginger is five years old, she's been spade, she's thunder and gun shy. She is an inside pet, our Beagle, missing since July 18 from N. Manistee River Rd. Her number is (989) 344-0699. Reward. No questions asked. (-3/7)

8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06178)

CATCH & RELEASE will perform blues as part of the Grayling Summer Music Series 2006 on Thurs., Aug. 3, 7 pm to 9 pm, at the Citizens Bank lawn, downtown Grayling. Bring your blanket or lawnchair. This concert is free. (-3/8)

RESURRECTION LIFE FELLOWSHIP 200 Huron St. will be offering at a discounted cost, David Ramsey's, Financial Peace University. This 13 week course will teach you how to get out of debt and eliminate the stress it brings. Please attend our introductory class on August 19, at 7 pm, and also again on August 22, at 7 pm. For more information please call 348-9386, or call Pastor Bud at 390-1203. (-3/8)

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DEBRA J. WEAVER She has completed the R.N. program K.C.C. "We are so proud of you". Love Dan, Jerry & Tara, Danny & Sasha, Marc, and the rest of the family. (-3/8)

CONGRATULATIONS ROD & RYAN You guys were awesome. We're so proud of you. Jack, Elaine, John and Howard. (-3/8)

FABRIC SALE at Fabrics & More, August 2 through August 12. 20% off all fabrics except flat folds. Sewing machine repair available also. Located next to Rochettes IGA. 344-0986. (-3/10/8)

INTEGRITY RULES!! We are so proud of you guys. Rodney and Ryan, #87. From your family, friends and feed team. (-3/8)

9. Personals

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10. Garage Sales

BIG MOVING SALE Aug. 4, 5, 6, 9 - 5. Entertainment centers, TV's, couch, bed set, futon set, coffee table, snowmobile, gardening items, lawn furniture, clothing, and many more misc. items. Turn on dirt road just west of West Side Diner, 6343 Kensington Place. (-3/10)

DOWNTOWN GAYLORD Sidewalk Sales. Fri. & Sat., August 4 & 5, starting at 9 am. (-20-27-3/10)

10. Garage Sales

ESTATE SALE Aug. 4 - Aug. 5, 9 am - 4 pm, 114 Alexia Lane, Grayling Mobile Estates. 1988 GMC Sierra ext. cab, 5.7 L V8, PS, PB. 5th wheel trailer, tools, auto parts, hunting equipment, antiques, doors (int/ext), large/small appliances, wood burning stove, dinette set with 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, 120 channel c.b., furniture, lots more. (-27-3/10)

FIRST TIME EVER garage sale. Teens and women's clothes, big man clothes, boys clothes, some never worn, brand names 7 - 12. 8450 West County Rd. 612, Frederic. 1 7/10 mile from Frederic railroad tracks going west. Fri., Sat., Sun., 10 - 5. (-3/10)

HUGE SALE Storage units clean out. Furniture, household, tools, everything imaginable. Priced to sell. Everything must go. Starts 9 am, Aug. 4 & 5, at J & R Storage at Sears, 6375 W. M-72. (-3/10)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 9 to 4. We emptied the house and basement for this one. Many new items. Priced to sell, no early birds. 140 N. Roberts Rd. (-3/10)

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YARD SALE Aug. 5 and 6. 1080 Maybelle, Grayling, north side of W. M-72. Fill a bag for \$2, many other items. Open from 8 - 4. (-3/10)

206 CHESTNUT Fri., Sat., 9 - 5. Plus size clothes and other stuff. (-3/10)

10. Garage Sales

6097 N. MANISTEE RIVER RD. Frederic, Thurs. thru Mon., 9 - 6. Everything must go. (-3/10)

GARAGE SALE 305 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, off of Wilcox Bridge Rd. Fri. - Sat., 4 and 5, 9 - ? Clothing, tools, household items. (-3/10)

YARD SALE Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 3 & 4, 9 am - 6 pm. No early sales. 224 Misty Way (off Roberts Rd.). 9m - 3T brand name little girls clothing, Tommy Girl, Baby Gap, Gymboree, Oshkosh, Sweet Potatoes and boutique brands. Buy ahead for fall, winter and next year. Misc. household items and perennial plants. (-3/10)

CANNING SUPPLIES Disney videos, Harlequin books, tins, planters, nice girls size 4 to 10 school clothes, toys, much kitchenware, E.T. twin bedding set. 72 East to Chase Bridge Rd., turn right, third house on right. Sat., Aug. 5, 10 till 4. (-3/10)

LARGE GARAGE SALE Furniture, pool table, 12' aluminum fishing boat and trailer, 2 snowmobiles and trailer, guns, sporting goods, household items, ceramics, something for everyone. Aug. 4, 5, 6, 9 am to 5 pm. 2781 Peters Rd. off Jones Lake Rd. (-3/10)

GARAGE SALE Ross Argue, Oak Rd., 3rd house on left off 4 Mile Rd., Fri. - Sat., 9 - ? (-3/10)

YARD SALE 3 family, Aug. 4, 5, 6, 9 am - 2, 3130 River Park Drive. N. Down River to Wilcox Bridge, follow signs. Leather loveseat, end tables, patio table, books, desks, glassware, Avon, clothes, golf clubs, garden pots, lots of misc. (-3/10)

10. Garage Sales

TWIN MATTRESS and frame, 2 wicker chairs, kitchen, clothing, etc. Friday 12 - 4, Saturday 10 - 2, 107 Shore Trail, Higgins Lake. (-3/10)

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